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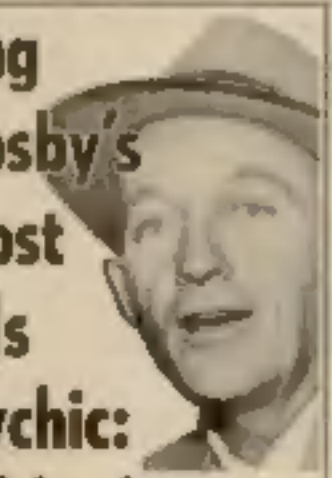

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Cesarean shocker! 'I screamed in agony but no sound came out!'

Docs slice mom open while she's wide awake!

MOM Margaret Ashton, shown with her son Philip, will get a $33,000 settlement for her horrifying ordeal.

By JACK ALEXANDER

A young mom who felt the searing pain of the scalpel during a cesarean operation but couldn't cry out because of paralyzing drugs will get a $33,000 settlement.

Mrs. Margaret Ashton is the fifth woman to settle a claim against Billinge Hospital near Wigan, England, after being given anesthesia by Dr. Rachamandran Subramanian in 1980.

Mrs. Ashton, now 30, recently recalled that horrifying day of excruciating pain during the birth of her son Philip.

"I screamed in agony — but nothing came out. I was paralyzed. There was nothing I could do. I can't describe the pain. It was like a red-hot poker being drawn across my stomach," she said.

The suffering mother said she was awake for 30 minutes during the agonizing operation, but was unable to let doctors know it.

"I tried to move my fingers and scream, but I was paralyzed. I just had to lie there and take it," she said.

Anesthesia paralyzed her — but she could feel the searing pain of the scalpel!

"A machine had taken over my breathing and for a few seconds, I thought I was dead," she said.

"I felt as though I was going to have a heart attack."

That agonizing experience so afflicted Mrs. Ashton that she was unable for years to feel a bond with her son, who she now enjoys.

And the memories of those anesthesia errors still haunt Dr. Subramanian.

"Those blunders still cause me sleepless nights," he said. "My heart goes out to her."

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Plane leaves without pilot

An absent-minded pilot prestarted her plane — with the brakes off — and watched helplessly as the single-engine Cessna with one terrified passenger on board taxied out of control and ran into an apartment wall.

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Death star stalks Earth

An unseen death star named Nemesis showers the Earth with comets every 28 million years and probably killed all the dinosaurs — and it will do the same to humans in about 15 million years!

Researchers say the comets hurled at Earth by Nemesis 65 million years ago created catastrophic damage, blotting out the sun, shooting up giant tidal waves and bringing the sudden extinction of dinosaurs and other prehistoric forms of life.

The new evidence of that devastation comes from an analysis of the ages of large impact craters on Earth. The craters appear to have formed every 28 million years. The same frequency that mass extinctions have occurred, the scientists say.

"The craters on Earth now

Muller, a University of California physicist.

"We can say with certainty that asteroids are responsible for some extinctions on Earth."

She'd NEVER seen him bald in 10 years of marriage!

Hubby doffs toupee and wife flips her wig!

BEFORE the unveiling, Oliver and Katherine are the picture of domestic contentment.

KATHERINE gasps as Oliver whips off his toupee in a reenactment of the moment of truth.

By BEATRICE DEXTER

Oddball Oliver Wence was married for 10 years before he took off his hairpiece in front of his wife — and when he did it, he hired a band and threw a party to celebrate the unveiling.

The 32-year-old father of two revealed his hairless dome before an amused crowd of 80 friends as his mate Katherine gasped in astonishment.

"I can't believe it — he's bald!" said Katherine, 29. "I'll never get used to it.

"He was bald when I married him, but I had no idea because he never said a word about it. He wore his hairpiece all the time and only changed it in the bathroom with the door locked. Actually, I wish he had left things the way they were."

Lawyer Wence says the strain of covering up for his own wife eventually made him decide to reveal his true self. He never swam with his family, went out on windy days or rode in a convertible for fear his wig would blow off.

"For the first three years of our marriage, I was even afraid to tell Katherine that I was bald," Wence confessed. "She had no idea what I was

He threw a party for the 'unveiling'

my hairpiece and comb my scalp.

"But she got so suspicious after a while I had to break it to her.

"She was upset, but she said she didn't want to see me without my hairpiece."

For the next seven years the Londonderry, Australia, lawyer kept his pate padded with a brown-haired toupee and his secret safely hidden.

Then, last month, Wence decided it was time to tell the truth. He invited friends and relatives for a surprise party. When Katherine and the couple's baby daughters returned

great event. "Everybody knew what I was going to do but Katherine," Wence explained. "When I ripped off my rug, she looked sort of sick like. But I think she got over it pretty well.

"Now I go around without my hairpiece all the time. It's a big relief, I tell you. I don't know why I put it off for so long."

Gay holiday

A gay accountant who won a trip for two to Hawaii filed a complaint after he was denied the vacation because he wanted to take his boyfriend instead of a girl.

The Rockville, Md., man, 29, got financial settlement and the dream trip with his male friend after he established in a county human

'Our angel's just going through a phase,' say parents

'World's Biggest Brat' turns school UPSIDE DOWN!

By MASON STERN

The "World's Biggest Brat" is at it again. This time she's a pain in the class — disrupting kindergarten with antics that would put a monkey to shame!

As reported in *The NEWS* on September 5, little Lizzie Clark won a toy company's Biggest Brat Contest by spray-painting a sofa, breaking an entire set of dishes and stuffing an ice cream sandwich in her family's VCR.

Now that she's in school her behavior has gotten even worse.

During the first semester alone the lively 5-year-old from Lake Worth, Fla., has:

- Shattered the school's 50-gallon aquarium with a rock, killing over $250 worth of exotic tropical fish.
- Put a whoopee-cushion in her teacher's seat.
- Pulled the school's fire alarm not once, but twice.
- Spiked the school's snack basket with chocolate laxatives.
- Stopped up toilets with art paper and tissue.
- Pulled down a little boy's pants in class.
- Convinced pupils that an invisible monster was going to eat them alive unless they gave her 25 cents apiece.

"She's a living terror," said Mary Simpson, Lizzie's 26-year-old kindergarten teacher. "I've had some wild ones in my day but this girl's the worst.

"If there's a way to disrupt the class or throw it in turmoil she'll find it. Thank goodness I've got her only four hours a day.

"I can't imagine how her parents cope."

The girl's mother and dad remain philosophical about their daughter's shenanigans. They say, "Our angel is going through a phase."

LIZZIE Clark, 5, could teach Dennis the Menace a thing or two, says her frazzled kindergarten teacher.

...love her to death," said Marianne Clark, the kid's mother. "We could punish her for all the things she does.

"But why would anybody want to put out the 'spark' that an energetic little girl like our Lizzie was born

...says she loves kindergarten so much that she can't wait to start first grade.

"I'll have a lot more fun in real school," she said. "There are more kids and more things to do. And I'll get to ride the bus.

Smokers need more orange juice!

Cigarette smokers need one and a half times as much vitamin C as nonsmokers, researchers say.

"Smoking seems to increase metabolic turnover of the vitamin, leading to lower concentrations in the blood," says the U.S. National Research Council.

The council's latest guidelines recommend 60 milli-

Tragic end to a honeymoon dream cruise!

BRIDE CHOOSES DEATH OVER DULL LIFE AS A HOUSEWIFE

By HECTOR LOVEL

A beautiful young bride committed suicide after a honeymoon cruise — because she couldn't bear to face the humdrum life of a housewife.

Dark-haired Erica Rieder wrote a final goodbye to her husband, Paul, before taking an overdose of sleeping pills in their modest apartment.

"I would rather be dead than someone's cook, maid and baby machine for the rest of my life," she said in a note to her heartbroken hubby.

The newlyweds had just returned from a two-week dream cruise in the Baltic Sea after their marriage in Bern, Switzerland.

"My Erica was like a queen living out a fantasy the entire two weeks," said Paul, 25. "She relaxed, had fun and was waited on hand and foot."

Erica, 22, was vivacious and outgoing during most of the cruise, but showed melancholy and moody the final day, said Paul.

"She went to pieces just thinking about the end of the cruise," said Paul.

"She wasn't ready to settle down and be a housewife.

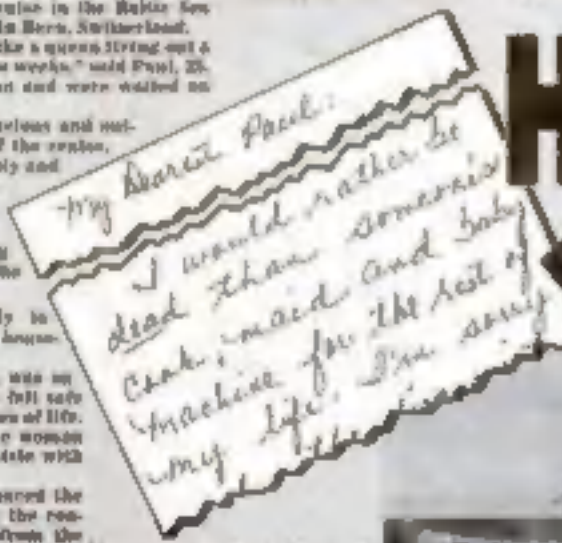
"As long as Erica was on that cruise ship, she felt safe from the hard realities of life. She was not the same woman I walked down the aisle with two weeks earlier."

The young bride paced the floor all night when the couple returned home from the cruise. "I figured her depression would go away in a day or two," said the grieving groom.

But Erica apparently had already decided her fate. "My dearest Paul," she wrote. "I love you very much but I cannot be the wife you want and deserve.

"I'm sorry, but I want more out of life, yet I know it can never be. Please don't hate me."

Erica Rieder



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TRAGIC bride lived like a queen during the newlyweds' cruise but went to pieces when the honeymoon ended.

Winking woman writes with her eye!

Paralyzed gal blinks out 280-page book with special computer

Amazing Hana Yamabata is totally paralyzed, but that didn't stop the feisty woman from writing a 280-page book — by winking her eye at a computer screen more than 800,000 times for two agonizing years!

By simply winking at a tiny blinking light set on the word processor computer when it reached the desired letter, the trembling feat. "Can you imagine what it's like lying on your back hour after hour, day after

assist Dr. Takashi Masuda, who runs a nursing home in Sapporo, Japan.

Crippled Hana has been a bedridden patient there since her parents died in 1982.

"Hana had wanted to write a novel before she was stricken to speak," Dr. Masuda added.

Nursing home personnel consulted computer experts who designed a word computer that could be activated by the wink of an eye.

"We rigged the computer so that it was about eight inches hours a day, five days a week winking at the screen."

Her book is entitled *I Want to Talk, I Want to Talk* and is currently in the hands of a publisher. The book chronicles her life since she was stricken.

Courageous Hana plans to

Turtle lives 50 years without food or water!

By KEVIN JONES

A turtle that was sealed in the foundation of a house built in China a half-century ago was found by wreckers — just as lively as he was the day he was entombed!

The amazing little brown turtle from Manchuria had somehow slowed his metabolism and lived in a state of semi-dormancy without food or water since 1930.

'It's a miracle! His heart was beating only once a day'

"I couldn't believe my eyes when the wreckers came to me with the turtle," 83-year-old Lin Zhong-sheng said. "I placed the turtle there in the foundation as a token of good luck when I built the house.

"Of course, I did so thinking the little creature would soon die — either of starvation or suffocation.

"I would never have imagined that he could survive for so many decades."

Dr. Teng Yi of Beijing University marveled: "It's a miracle! His heart must have been beating only once a day for him to have survived for so long. Turtles can go into hibernation for years this way, but I've never seen a case this remarkable before."

Lin said it is a common practice in place living turtles in the foundation of new houses to protect the house against the "evils" of decay and rot.

"I placed the turtle in a small wooden box that was then sealed in the stone foundation," he explained. "When the wreckers came to the site the incredible animal, he was still in the box which was almost rotted away.

"I took him into my new house and placed him on the floor with my grandchildren.

"He quickly began to scurry for cover. He is as much alive today as he was those 50 long years ago.

"I took the turtle to the park and gave him his freedom.

"He is truly a remarkable creature of the gods and has earned his right to live unmolested and in freedom the rest of his life."

Lin's old house was being demolished to make way for a small neighborhood library in the northeast city of Shenyang, where Lin is a factory assembler.

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An estranged couple dragged elderly Pierre Phillips into court because her awful snoring keeps them awake at night!

Sandra and Basil Davies of Leeds, England, say their 83-year-old neighbor causes the racket, making it impossible for them to sleep. The old woman's attorney conceded that she makes a racket but suggested that nothing short of cutting her throat would give the Davies any relief.

The court case was adjourned for two weeks to give Miss Phillips and the Davies a chance "to work something out."

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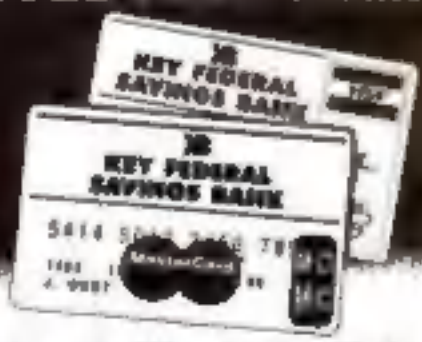

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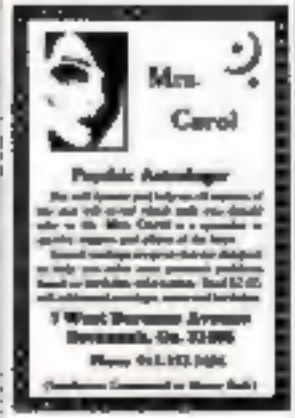

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Witch dies when curse backfires!

Woman hit by truck hours after casting evil spell

By MICHAEL TODD

Angry Liz Braun put a witch's curse on Good Samaritan Peter Miller but the her backfired and killed the steamed-up sorceress instead!

"If she hadn't cursed me, she'd no doubt be alive today," the shaken Miller told reporters in Selb, West Germany.

The hijinks tale began when the raven-haired lady had a row with her lover at a party and asked Miller to give her a ride home.

"I didn't know her. I was just doing a favor," the flustered plumber recalled. "It was raining, windy and very dark. She didn't have her coat and shoes, and she was hailing mad. I figured I would be a nice guy and help her out."

Miller installed the woman into his car and drove off toward her home.

But the trip turned to terror when shrewish Liz, 40, began to harass her new pal.

"She started telling me she was a witch and could see into the future, and claimed she could do terrible things to me," said friendly Miller, 33. "She kept saying it over and over again. It was such an awful stormy night and we were in the middle of nowhere and it wasn't very long before I got very nervous.

"Then she told me to hold out my hand. She looked at it and said I had only three years to live.

"That's when I stopped the car and told her to get out."

The frightened driver dropped his passenger off on a deserted road. And as he sped away, he heard her shrieking, "I've put a curse on you!"

But it was Liz who was run over by a speeding 18-wheeler and killed as she tried to flag down a ride mere that very spot three hours later.

"I was going to rattle her a little to quiet her down and then go back and get her," Miller said.

"But when she said she'd cursed me, I kept on driving."

A coroner ruled Liz's death accidental.

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Count 'em! Boy has 12 fingers — & 14 toes!

Little Ling Naughton, 8, doesn't seem to mind that nature played a bit of a trick on him — giving him six fingers on each hand and seven toes on each foot. Judging from his mischievous grin, the Tennessee schoolboy is probably thinking how helpful all those digits are in math class.

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Free-meal offer nabs 17 crooks

Cops sent a letter to people wanted on outstanding warrants promising a free dinner and lottery tickets if they'd show up to collect their prizes.

When the 17 "winners" arrived, they were arrested by Fort Collins, Colo., police.

"When the warrant was verified I said, 'Good, we're in business. Come on back, we've got a couple of papers to sign and we'll have you out of here in a couple of minutes,' which was the truth," a police officer said.

Docs perform miracle surgery

LITTLE BURN GETS A NEW FROM

By MARTHA ATKINS

Doctors gave a horribly burned little girl a brand new face and saved her life — with skin of three corpses!

Little Ferrial Sayed, 2, was so severely burned in a house fire four months ago that doctors didn't expect her to live because she didn't have enough healthy skin of her own to rebuild her body.

"It was a matter of life and death," said Ferrial's father, Karim, in explaining why he allowed the revolutionary plastic surgery on his daughter.

"We were desperate and willing to accept anything to save her life."

The London, England, miracle girl is one of only seven people in the world who are alive today thanks to the revolutionary technique of using skin from dead donors to allow healing time for burn victims.

"The donor skin is used as an emergency lifesaving treatment," said Dr. Ray Sanders, the plastic surgeon who saved Ferrial's life.

The skin — described by doctors as "fragile as a wet tissue" — acts as a base on which Ferrial's skin could grow, helping to prevent dehydration and shock, the main causes of death in severe burn cases.

"It allows time for the recovery from acute injury and the skin can survive on a patient for up to three months," said Dr. Sanders.

He said he had no difficulty in finding skin donors for the courageous lot, because skin can be used up to a week after death. But rebuilding her scarred body was a long, intricate task.

Doctors transplanted her toes onto her right hand to replace the fingers and thumb she lost in the horrifying blaze, and she needed multiple skin grafts to

Fed-up 5th-grader opens fire on gang of bullies!

A fifth-grader was fed up with being teased by neighborhood bullies so he fought back — and blasted them with a gun, say cops!

By ANN HUGHEY

The teasing and bullying had been going on for several months, according to the boy. He told police the three 11-year-old boys he shot at often threw rocks at him, stole his comb and called his mother bad names.

"I'm tired of them teasing me, and I was going to take care of it," the boy, 11, told Police Investigator Patrick Ferguson of the Tampa, Fla., police department.

"I asked him if he was just trying to scare them and the kid said, 'No, I was trying to hit them,'" said Officer Ferguson.

"This particular kid is not a problem child. Apparently, he just had had enough and snapped."

The boy told police his latest tormenting he took his stepfather's .22-caliber gun and a box of bullets and hid them in his closet.

The shooting occurred not long after he hid the gun. The boy was on his way to the bus stop when he got into a fist-fight with a kid whose buddies started out of his book bag, pointed it at the three boys and fired off two shots, say cops.

"Two of the kids started to run away almost immediately when they saw the gun but the other kid didn't," said Officer Ferguson. "He thought they were blanks. He was mistaken and he's lucky to be alive."

Later that morning, the boy was arrested at Allen Elementary School. He was suspended for 10 days and will probably not return to class there, say school officials.

"He'll most likely be sent to another school. This will give him a fresh start somewhere else away from the problems that he had here," said Principal Anthony Sealers.

No one was injured in the shooting but the boy, 11, was arrested and taken to a juvenile detention center. Police charged him with aggravated assault and carrying a concealed weapon. His name was withheld because he's a

after tragic house fire

GIRL FACE THE SKIN OF 3 CORPSES!

PLASTIC surgeon Ray Sanders gives a kiss to Jamiel Sapak who the girl he saved by using skin of dead people.

reduce her scars. "They saved Ferrial's life with this technique. There was no doubt she would have died, but they were able to cover the skin enough to keep her alive," said Ferri. I see how she has improved in three months I am very encouraged for

Dognappers return $30G pooch

A dog owner breathed a sigh of relief when she got back her pet — a $30,000 golden retriever.

Lynda Bennett's 9-week-old purebred pup was stolen and a pumpkin left in the pooch's place, along with a note that said, "Happy Halloween. Thanks for the dog. Sorry to money. Don't worry, be happy."

The next day, an unidentified Mass., with the dog and said her son had inadvertently taken it.

The pup is a top-of-the-line show dog, the product of 17 years of breeding, said Lynda, who's a dog breeder and veterinarian. She said the dog wouldn't be worth $30,000 without documentation.

No charges were filed in the case, said Hingham Detective Lt. Edmund Burgess.

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SAVE RUDOLPH!

Those sneaky Russkies are eating every reindeer they can roast!

By LEWIS FISHER

Thousands of tragic reindeer are being slaughtered to meet the demand of Russian consumers who eat the meat like it's going out of style!

The situation is so bad that a leading animal rights group has called for a halt to the killing in a scathing expose entitled: Don't Roast Rudolph — Stop the Madness Now.

"This sort of thing would be unacceptable at any time of the year but especially at Christmas when reindeer are in the public eye," said the article published by the Swedish animal advocacy group, Animal Now.

"Children around the world are waiting for Santa Claus and his little reindeer to bring toys to their houses.

"Meanwhile the Soviet Union is producing and importing the meat of every reindeer they can kill or buy.

"It's a reprehensible food fad. And if it continues much longer there won't be a living reindeer anywhere outside a zoo."

It's only a matter of time before Donner & Blitzen and the others wind up as blue plate specials!

Reindeer meat has been [illegible] available as a specialty item in [illegible] Scandinavia and the Soviet Union for years but demand [illegible] stock because ready to the Soviet [illegible] last fall.

Records are incomplete but Inge Nilsson, founder of Animal Now, says Finland has slaughtered over 10,000 reindeer this season to Russia since September alone.

The Russians themselves have killed another 40,000 to 50,000 reindeer, decimating [illegible] herds and threatening [illegible] the entire species with extinction," she said.

Soviet officials refuse to comment on the animal group's report or Miss Olsson's allegations, but they deny that slaughter is threatening [illegible].

"We could kill and eat a million reindeer and nobody would even miss them," one Russian official said.

World's Hottest GOSSIP

Edited by Joe Berger and Cindy O'Neil

Crosby's ghost will stroll sidewalks of New York!

I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, SAYS BING!

BING Crosby means Christmas so much that he's planning a visit!

Bing Crosby has been dead a dozen years — but the super crooner has vowed to return to Earth on Christmas Day!

"I spoke with Bing in the great beyond, and he told me in no uncertain terms, 'I'll be home for Christmas.'" says Swedish psychic **Sylvia Lindgren.**

"He was very serious. He said, 'I miss so many, many things at Christmas, I just want to come back and see it all one more time.

"'I'm going to stroll down the streets of New York City and listen to the laughter and the music and get that special feeling all over again. If people see me there, they shouldn't be surprised.'"

Psychic Sylvia, long renowned for her ability to communicate with the spirit world, said Bing also told her he may have a big surprise in store for some dear old pals.

"Bing's eyes were absolutely twinkling," Sylvia said. "He told me, 'Some friends of mine may think they've lost their minds when they sit down for Christmas dinner this year.'"

Old Bing delivered his shocker after The NEWS asked the celebrated seer to gather holiday messages from a variety of late, great stars.

Here's what some of our other favorites told Sylvia from beyond the grave.

Liberace: "I wish you all a cheerful and carefree Christmas. Peace and joy to everyone."

Lucille Ball: "I hope your Christmas is a time of love and laughter. Remember, you're never too old to play. Do something wacky once in a while."

Mae West: "Come up and see me sometime . . . and bring a present with you."

Jackie Gleason: "Have a taste of the holiday and enjoy. You really are the greatest." — Special to Weekly World News.

★ ★ ★

Bawdy rocker Steve Winwood spends lots of Sunday mornings banging the keyboard — at his parish church.

The former lead singer and pianist for Traffic and Blind Faith does out the hymns for worshipers in his hometown of Tarbolton, Scotland.

"There plays whatever they want, old or new," said parishioner Burns Webb. — London Daily Mirror

★ ★ ★

Olde-but-goodie Jimmy Stewart kind

Dead stars send holiday greetings through top psychic!

ped shorts up in a movie since The Grass Harlots eight years ago, but he insists he hasn't thrown in the towel on Tinseltown. He just can't get anybody to offer him a role he can stomach.

"I keep turning down scripts because they're for grouchy grandfathers," griped ageless Jimmy, 81.

No, it isn't that he's opposed to playing a grandpa. It's just that "they don't have to be grouchy," he says. — Chicago Tribune

★ ★ ★

When ace chimpie Michael J. Pollard played a cute-but-unsavory yuppie in Bright Lights, Big City, there's enough weird stuff in make these pintsize superstar look bigger than life.

Bad dreamers built a penthouse apartment overlooking Manhattan with everything scaled down so mini-Mike would grow by comparison. And Pete re-

Jimmy Stewart doesn't want to be an old grouch

warded them with a performance that had critics raving.

"The difference between a short actor and a short star," he explained later, "is that a short actor stands on apple crates. A short star has midgets dig for everyone else to stand in." — London Mirror

★ ★ ★

Shirley MacLaine doesn't rattle easily, but the Most Magnificent Man Actress that filming one scene on the hit flick left her a little flustered

We're talking about the scene where cuddly Olympia Dukakis overhears interviews in a high school football locker room and Miss MacLaine looks on while actual beefy boys walk around in the buff

"I left shy," showpiss Shirley told a reporter "And it was unequal. Those poor guys had to run around with all that stuff, you know, jangling, and it's sort of like I should have taken off my clothes, too.

"By the way, the ones who were paid straight got $60 a day and the ones who didn't got $100." — Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel

★ ★ ★

Goofy guru Shagmos Rhee Rajneesh says he'd like to make East Germany his new commune.

The Bhagwan, who boasted a fleet of Rolls-Royces in Oregon before being booted all the way back to India for immigration fraud, says everyone's deserting poor East Germany like rats leaving a sinking ship.

And the hairy holy man says his disciples "are ready to fill the vacuum" by turning the east-empty nation into an international commune. — Palm Beach Post

★ ★ ★

Gorgeous greasy Priscilla Presley and her daughter Lisa Marie not only

Kim Basinger wanted to burn all for 'Batman' — but was rejected!

Holy jaybird, Batman! Sassy superstar Kim Basinger says she was dying to doff her duds in the megahit Batman — but killjoy costar Michael Keaton made her keep her pants on!

Curvy Kim — recently voted the world's sexiest woman — said she wanted to add the steamy scene as a titillating way of breaking up a fight between Batman and the Joker.

"I thought it'd look off all my clothes and shoot guys naked, that might stop the squabble," the luscious lady recalled.

Leering Jack Nicholson, the Joker himself, was snapping his fist over the idea, Kim said. But a reluctant Keaton vetoed the racy romp because he was afraid kids would be banned from the multiplex if Kim flashed her fantastic epidermis.

So instead of bouncing around in the buff, sexpistol Kim used her amazing powers on the battle browned. — London Sun.

Kim Basinger's plea was nixed by Michael Keaton, star of Batman

Racy movie scene makes Shirley MacLaine blush

shocked to discover that neither of them drives an "Oldsmobile," said a source on the set.

The spokesmen didn't want folks to realize that Priscilla tools around town in a jazzy Jaguar, while Elvis' darling daughter zooms around Hollywood in a Toyota.

"So once they started working on the commercial, they were picked up in a stretch limousine," the source said. — Boston Herald

★ ★ ★

Sexpot actress Patti D'Arbanville says she decided to kick her heroin habit when she tried to serve tea to Queen Elizabeth.

Patti, who'd kept the injects to melt her heroin, realized then it was time to clean up her act. — New York Post.

★ ★ ★

In true Diana Ross style, arrogant Kathleen Turner is now demanding that reporters call her Miss Turner, and only Miss Turner. That's fine with us. Kath — Miami Herald

Winsome winner

It's no contest when beguiling Holly G Hunt writes a French payment — she's won a slew of roles. The charming starlet is using her looks and talent to good advantage in Hollywood, where she quickly landed a role — the movie Campus Man

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Sitting pretty

Elizabeth Ann is giving up her modelling career to become a lawyer.

Call girl who shows up at hubby's hotel room ... is his WIFE!

By LAUREL ROWE

Travelling salesman Simon Mauch got the shock of his life when he phoned for a prostitute to be sent to his hotel room — and the hooker who rushed up to his door turned out to be his wife!

I nearly died from shock, says red-faced salesman

"I nearly had a heart attack when I saw Sheila standing there like that," started Simon, 37, later told a court in Zurich, Switzerland.

"There was the mother of my two nearest children, standing around in a see-through lingerie and black mesh stockings and bright red lipstick from ear to ear.

"When she looked up and saw who her customer was, she screamed and ran all down the hall.

"I guess she was as gifted as I was."

The strange tale of the sleazy sleuth subterfuge and his love-for-sale lady came to light when the haggling couple divorced and battled it out in the courtroom over custody of their teen-10year-old daughter.

Naughty Sheila, 31, admitted she'd turned to hooking to make a few bucks on the side — but she insisted her philandering hubby was her very first customer.

"It was just a total, horrible coincidence Your Honor," the shady lady told the court.

"Simon was always on the road and I was lonely. I thought I could make some money so I could have nice clothes and jewelry like my friends.

"So I interviewed with the call girl service and signed up. And the very first place they sent me was my own husband's hotel room.

"I knew right then it'd gone into the wrong business."

And cigar-smoking Simon insisted he, too, was just a bewildered victim of the sexy game.

"I got back into town in the middle of the night, and I didn't want to barge in and wake up my family," the busy businessman testified.

"So I got a room at the hotel.

"I had a couple of drinks in the bar and then I got lonely. I went back to my room and telephoned for a girl.

"It was the first time I'd ever cheated on my wife — and that's why I wouldn't believe it when the girl who showed up at the door turned out to be my wife."

Judge Hugo Pagani said he didn't believe either shameless Sheila or her Don Juan hubby, but he pitied Sheila custody of the girls.

"I know in my heart this wasn't the first time around for either of you," the judge said.

"That would be just too much coincidence for anyone to swallow."

In a similar incident, a dentist in Tel Aviv, Israel, summoned a call girl and was stunned when his own wife appeared at his hotel room door. So far, no one has filed for divorce in this case of hanky-panky gone haywire.

Study blames male eyes for drownings

Men are four times more likely to drown than women, according to a new survey.

"The male ego sometimes gets in the way of the more practical side," said John Hatcher, marketing director of the Royal Life Savings Society of Canada, who conducted the survey. "They don't want to wear life jackets because they think it looks silly."

Weirdo goes ape at zoo — and beats up gorilla!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A frightened gorilla fled for her life when a wild-eyed nut nabbing monkey wants spot — and beat her up with his bare hands.

Workers and visitors at a public zoo in Melbourne, Australia, watched in utter amazement as the unidentified man pounded the gorilla in the nose with a devastating right hook.

"He was a raving lunatic," said a gorilla," said the keepers' source after he dropped 15 feet into the animal's enclosure and thumped his chest with both hands.

The long-haired lunatic hammered right over to Betty, a 330-pound gorilla, and waded in with punches and kung fu kicks.

The startled gorilla was still reeling from the blows when the two-fisted tough guy attacked her 5-year-old son.

Smaller gorilla jumped the intruder and fled to their cage with their human caretaker in hot pursuit.

But he spotted only one in an empty cage trying to follow the fleeing apes and monkeys slammed the door shut and locked it.

"He didn't seem to notice that he was caged," said zookeeper Ted Weiker.

Zookeepers were busy trying to comfort the whimpering

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By ED ANGER

I'm madder than Santa Claus stuck in a sooty chimney over the way my whiny daughter-in-law Candy pitched such a fit when I told her I was getting my grandson a soldier's suit and a toy AK-47 assault rifle for Christmas.

Let's face it! Little Teddy just turned 5 years old and it's high time he learned to put his warface on and practice some search-and-destroy missions in his neighborhood.

And if I hear one more peep out of his mom about it, I'll slap the [illegible] out of her.

What does she want for a son anyway, a ballet dancer or one of those mincing funny boys in San Francisco?

I was playing soldier all the time by the time I was Teddy's age, and that early training helped me survive the [illegible] up Pork Chop Hill in Korea later on, by God!

I even got a pat on the back from my dear mother — God bless her soul — when I [illegible] the family [illegible] with a slingshot while practicing artillery assaults in the backyard.

And I'll have no grandson of mine playing with those wimpy educational toys and computer games that most kids get for Christmas these days. Any kid that sits in front of a computer 10 hours a day is going to grow up to be a NERD!

And if there's anything I can't stand it's nerdy kids — those little [illegible] eggheads who carry around pocket calculators and [illegible] and can't even hit a football — much less play the game.

I'd almost rather Teddy grow up to be a [illegible] than a nerd.

So I'm [illegible] my [illegible] like Rambo in The Sands of Iwo Jima! [illegible] my chubby daughter-in-law [illegible] And if Candy has any Come Christmas morning [illegible] hopes of stuffing her fat face Teddy is going to be [illegible] with turkey and dressing at decked out in [illegible] battle the Anger Christmas dinner gear. He'll look like John [illegible] table, I won't hear a peep out [illegible] of her!

Lawyer's shorts play 'Jingle Bells' during trial!

A young lawyer got in hot water with a judge while questioning a witness — when his novelty underwear lit into a medley of Christmas tunes.

Attorney Mark Jewels had dressed in a hurry and mistakenly donned a pair of trick musical shorts his wife had given him as an early Christmas present. Jewels was cross-examining the plaintiff in a [illegible] England courtroom when the strains of Jingle Bells were heard coming from his trousers. Mr. Jewels turned pale as a ghost while Justice [illegible] Fairchild's face was more of a [illegible] color, said [illegible] [illegible].

Apparently, the lawyer had leaned against a table activating the mechanism in the waistband of his undies.

The embarrassed barrister kept on questioning the witness until it was obvious his [illegible] shorts weren't going to shut up.

Once activated, the shorts didn't stop playing until they have finished their musical repertoire. The undies were halfway through Joy to the World when Justice Fairchild called a recess.

"Mr. Jewels, if you please, I'd like to see you and your shorts in my chambers," said the judge. "And I hope you have turned them off by then."

The attorney explained he had put on the wrong shorts by mistake.

Justice Fairchild admonished Jewels for [illegible] the dignity of the court. "One more outburst from your underwear and I shall hold you in contempt, sir," warned the judge.

Fishy behavior

Ying and Yang, [illegible] Siamese kittens owned by Amy Lawrence of Hampden, Maine, are trying to take a bite out of her fish collection.

Dog takes bite out of car bumper

Joseph Harrell, 19, had stopped to look at a house for sale in Marathon, Fla., when the homeowner's big dog ran out — and bit a hole in the bumper of Harrell's car. Damage was estimated at [illegible]

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"Men must reform how they behave. We're not going to tolerate these sex pests," said government official Jan Watson.

Here are the city's official guidelines it hopes will even in roving sidewalk romeos.

DON'T walk behind a woman as all but walk in the street.

DON'T sit the other side of a woman traveling alone on a train, subway or bus.

CROSS the street to avoid frightening a woman.

OFFER to give a ride home to female commuters from tube or railway stations. And make sure she is safely inside before driving away.

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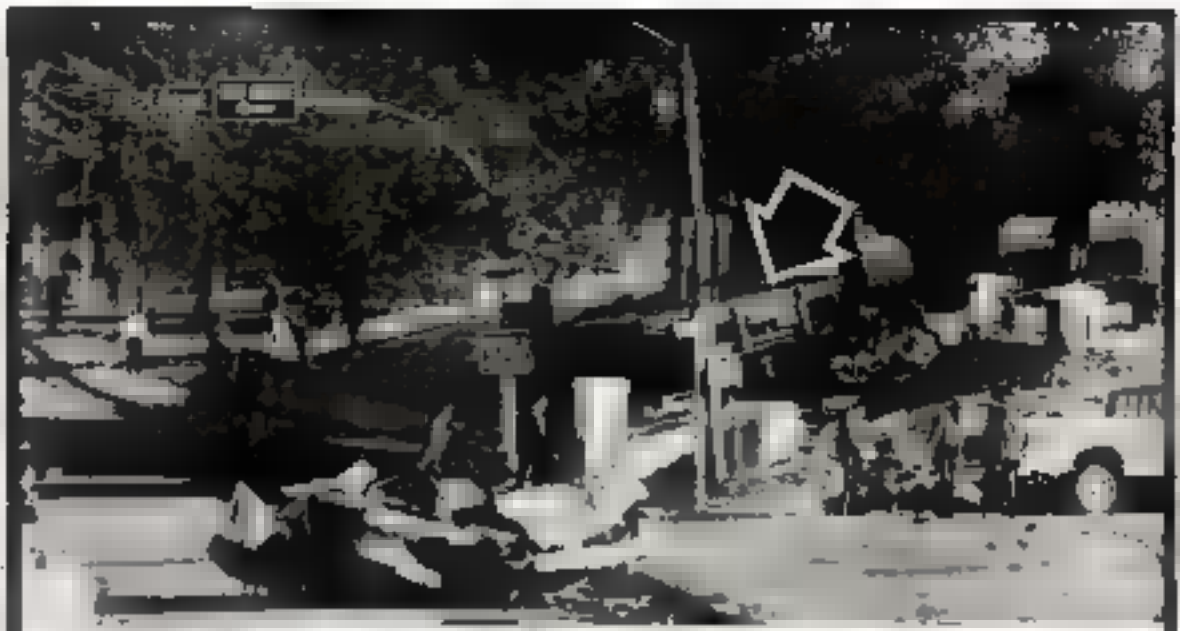

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HERO DRIVER GIVES LIFE TO STOP DEATH TRUCK

HEROIC TRUCK DRIVER Travis Penner

Five people died when a runaway truck roared down a hill at 100 m.p.h., but a dozen others owe their lives to the heroic driver.

Begin trucker Travis Penner perished in the mangled wreckage of his truck, which slammed into a concrete wall and exploded into flames.

"He is a hero. He did a masterful job of crashing as many vehicles as possible. He could have jumped but he didn't," said bystander Julian Slobylak.

Penner's brakes burned out as the truck barreled out of control down the hill on an afternoon in Kamloops, Canada.

"The truck was hauling 80,000 pounds of steel. Trying to stop that much weight on a steep hill will burn up brakes in nothing flat," said Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sgt. Larry Wagner.

Penner, 30, flashed the headlights and blasted the air horn as the careening truck sped down the hill.

The truck struck 17 vehicles, killing four and injuring 15 others, said Sgt. Wagner. "But his driving skill saved many other lives."

Warren Cameron, who was driving just ahead of the truck, can thank Penner he's still alive.

"He had a relaxing skill speaking on the way I grew here," said Cameron. "If not for his driving, there would have been more dead," said Slobylak.

— JACK ALEXANDER

POLICE OFFICERS examine one of the cars crushed by Penner's runaway truck. The massive vehicle struck 17 cars before smashing into a concrete wall.

Eskimos won't survive booze, says new study

Eskimos and other native Alaskans have managed to survive one of the harshest environments on Earth — but now they're being destroyed by booze.

Murders and suicides that are alcohol related among Alaska's Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts are four times higher than the national average. A new study shows. Leaders of the Alaska Federation of Natives say these hardy people are doomed if they don't sober up.

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Pilot of crashed plane watches in horror as . . .

Army ants eat 7 people ALIVE!

RELENTLESS army ants ate six passengers and copilot after plane crashed in Brazil. Above: a terrifying close-up of the face of the enemy.

By IRWIN FISHER

The pilot of a charter plane that crashed in the Amazon watched helplessly as millions of rampaging army ants ate six passengers and his copilot alive!

Martin Hall, 48, said he survived the attack by climbing atop the wreckage of his plane. Gasoline leaking from the ruptured tanks apparently kept the ants away from him.

But it didn't stop the creatures from swarming over the other passengers and copilot. According to reports, all that remained of them were seven skeletons — picked clean.

"I'll never get over what I saw out there," Hall told newsmen in Barcelos, Brazil. "We were all injured in the crash and couldn't defend ourselves.

"I wasn't hurt as badly as the others and was able to get on top of the wreckage. Other-

'I'll never get over what I saw out there'

wise the ants would have eaten me, too."

The horrifying drama unfolded when Hall's charter plane lost power on a flight from Manaus to Barcelos in north-central Brazil.

The pilot said the plane lost altitude rapidly and crashed in the jungle about 35 miles south of Barcelos. He radioed for help just before the plane went down.

But a rescue party didn't get there until four hours after the killer ants attacked.

"My copilot and two of the passengers were dead when [illegible] said Hall. "The other passengers had broken arms, legs and legs. I had a broken leg myself. At first I figured we'd just wait until a rescue team got to us.

"Then one of the women saw the ants in a rainbow that stretched out as far as we could see. There were millions of them and they were running straight at us. I shouted at everybody to get up on the plane, but they just weren't able.

"I wanted to help them, but I was in too much pain. The ants were already starting to swarm over us. I had to save myself."

From his vantage point on top of the wreckage Hall watched the screams of pain as the passengers and copilot were eaten alive.

"Those that were unconscious never knew what hit them," he said. "The others were seven skeletons when I returned and began to [illegible] help, but there was nothing I could do."

Hall said the ordeal was over in less than 45 minutes. After eating the flesh, the ants moved on. All that remained

"Sometimes I feel guilty because I survived and nobody else did," said Hall. "I guess the Good Lord has plans for me. Why else would He let me live?"

Ditzy dog dials 911!

A playful pooch named Mandy brought cop cars, fire trucks and an ambulance screaming to her house when she picked up a telephone — and accidentally dialed 911.

A police dispatcher in Wauwatosa, Wis., said she thought the call could be the work of a prankster, but she couldn't take any chances.

"We could hear some shuffling around and then a dog barking," recalled dispatcher Cheryl Ann Nock.

She traced the call and sent police, medical and fire department personnel rushing to the address. Heavy workers broke into the locked house and would hear the yowls. Her owners was depressing the push buttons," recalled dispatcher Cheryl Ann Nock.

Gal turns in her fiance to cops — then marries him!

A woman turned in her fiance for robbing a convenience store — and then married him!

The wacky wedding took place in Snohomish County, Wash., Superior Court on the morning that the man was to be sentenced.

Superior Court Judge John Wilson performed the ceremony. Deputy Prosecutor Mark Roe was best man, and the court clerk held the matron of honor's baby.

Roe said he was impressed with the woman's efforts to keep her betrothed out of trouble and he wanted to help the couple have a good wedding. He brought his tuxedo jacket, a shirt, tie and some nonalcoholic champagne for the occasion. The bride supplied the flowers and wedding rings.

The man was sentenced to two years and seven months in prison for the robbery.

Who says you can't

Woman buried with Cadillac she love

By JACK ALEXANDER

It took a huge 28-foot-long, 12-feet-wide grave to bury Hoosier housewife Aurora Schuck — because she took her [redacted] 1976 Cadillac El Dorado with her.

"I had the oil changed and filled the gas tank 'cause I didn't want her to have any trouble getting to where she is going," said her husband, Ray.

The couple bought the Caddy "brand, spanking new" 13 years ago, "but it was Aurora's car. It was her baby. And she drove her pride and joy everywhere," said Ray.

"We decided 10 years ago she could take the car with her when she died," said Ray.

"I doubt if there are any 1976 Cadillac convertibles in heaven. That is — until Aurora drives up."

Ray and Aurora Schuck and their bright red Caddy were they bought the car, have been permanent fix- Aurora put more than 100,- tures in the annual Aurora, 900 miles on the Caddy driv- Ind., Christmas parade ever ing all over Ohio and Michi-

gan when she w ed for the IRS fore retiring.

"I can close my wife now . . . dr the house with the wind blowing said Ray.

He had already have Aurora, 63, convertible when cancer earlier th

"I bought 14 pl Cemetary and an crete vault to be grave," said Ray

As friends and stood at the gr crane lowered the vault.

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Soccer star kicks in for $4 million wedding

By NORM BROWN

When soccer star Diego Maradona decided to marry, just any old wedding wouldn't do. So Diego created his own production company to stage the ceremony — and shelled out $4 million for the wedding of the century!

WORLD'S GREATEST SOCCER PLAYER: Diego Maradona, celebrates after a big win.

"It was the most spectacular thing I've ever seen," said pal Lanzmate Tino Pirlato. "It had to be the most gorgeous wedding ever."

Dashing Diego coughed up $500,000 just to fly foreigners and hundreds of friends from Italy, where he now plays, in Argentina to the tune of $1,000.

Blonde bride Claudia Villafane — mother of Diego's two daughters — said "I do" in a diamond-studded gown that took weeks to make and set her hubby back a whopping $30,000.

News reporters and photogs weren't allowed inside either the wedding or the lavish bash held later in a Buenos Aires sports arena. But the nuts considered the world's greatest soccer player later gave his unlimited impressions of the festivities.

"It was beautiful," Diego said. "I would have done it earlier if I'd known it would be so lovely."

CIVIL CEREMONY: Diego Maradona, his daughter and his wife-to-be Claudia Villafane just before the wedding.

t take it with you?

GRIEVING HUSBAND Ray Schoch crouches at foot of his beloved wife's casket as her 1976 Cadillac El Dorado is lowered into the grave

'I had the oil changed and filled the gas tank,' says her husband

HEARTSHOT. Right, above, Aurora Schoch resting on the shiny hood of her prize possession

HUSBAND Ray Schoch, left, arranged for a massive concrete vault to be placed inside his wife's grave. He had to buy 14 cemetery plots in order to accommodate the Cadillac El Dorado's giant crypt

Brawny burglars take 800-lb. safe

Struggling burglars almost broke their backs trying to carry off an 800-pound safe — leaving a trail of beer cleanup for the cops to follow.

"I'm still baffled," said Rene Gill, co-owner of the St. Laurent Motor Inn in St. Laurent, Canada. "I don't know how anyone could move this safe."

Gill said the safe contained only $1,000 in quarters and was empty when found about 30 miles north of Winnipeg. It also had a hole in the bottom, which presumably the safecrackers

MAN DIES FOR A BEER

A popular soft drink shattered a liquor with his diet as eager because he didn't like beer mixers — and died in death. Police Chief Ed refused his fiancé wife's firm aid attempts to their Honolulu, Ha-

Even if nobody does anything about it, everyone likes to talk about the weather. Here are some fascinating facts to help you about the breeze:

● The ideal temperature for a person's well-being is between 70 and 72 degrees.

● Wet, stormy weather will cause your surgical scars to itch.

● A drop in barometric pressure can expand your feet by as much as an inch due to shifts in body fluids.

● IQ scores may rise by 10 percent just before a storm.

● People feel restless when the barometer drops.

● You can eat 7,000 calories a day without gaining weight in the Antarctic. That's what it takes to keep warm without an outside source of heat.

● The best first-aid treatment for frostbite is a blanket wrap and a warm drink. The worst treatments include hot-water bottles, heat lamps and ice cubes.

● There are twice as many fatal heart attacks in winter as in summer.

● Mittens will keep your hands warmer than gloves.

● Wear a hat in cold weather. A full 50 percent of the body's heat lost is through the head. Hands and feet are another. ● The three foods people buy most before hurricanes, blizzards or big storms are onions, cola and candy.

● Almost everyone, 80 percent of those surveyed, reported feeling happier on sunny days. That may account for the fact that waitresses say they get bigger tips when the sun is shining.

● Adolescents in psychiatric wards and mental health centers hallucinate on humid days.

● Your mood today is often a response to yesterday's weather.

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Cannibal shocker

Two men and a woman are scheduled to go on trial in the West African nation of Liberia for clubbing and stabbing a man to death in Grenada — and eating his flesh.

My man fell for Dottie's photo and now I'm out of the picture

Dear Dottie: My life is miserable, and it's all because of you. It all started a few years ago when I brought home a copy of *Weekly World News*. My husband picked it up and got a glimpse of his true love — YOU!

A day that he made me do bedroom things no I would look more like you. He made me dye and cut my naturally blond hair so it would be darker and styled like yours.

He made me wear contact lenses as my blue eyes would be dark like yours appear. When we make love he always shouts your name. I ratchet my wife's and when he regained the garment of me in our bedroom with a black-and-white blow-up of you.

I don't know what else to say. How do you feel now that you've ruined my life? — Fed Up in Iowa

Dear Fed Up: No one to blame for being beautiful.

Confidential

Dear Sassy in Colorado Springs: So why did you wear candy underwear to work?

Dear Page in Bangor: If you're that self-conscious, say them at the gym locker.

Dear Wanted in Baton Rouge: I'm not bigger.

Dear Jolly in Abilene, Texas: That's not funny. That's sick.

Dear Hoping in Pa: Your prayers. Tell her to pretend it's Christmas.

Dear Mad Accepted in Gainesville: With a last name like "Gay you out of your mind!

Dear Dopey in Chester: Just take that leather an apple — with a worm in it!

Dear Annie in Enid: Maybe some ask like her, but not me.

I have a gun and I know how to use it

Dear Dottie: You pick on guys all the time, and I'm tired of it. Be warned. I've got a gun and am ready for you. — Mad Guy in Frisco

Dear Mad: Make my day, jerk!

I married The King & feel like a queen

Dear Dottie: I'm the happiest woman in the world, and I want to tell everybody about it. A few months ago I met Elvis Presley in a country bar, and he told me the secret of how he faked his death in 1977 and had plastic surgery to change his looks and has been living a happy, normal married life ever since. He doesn't have any daddy left because he gave it all away. But I love him with all my heart. We got married, and I'll support him to my dying day. — King's Bride in Three Rivers

Dear Bride: Despite all the rumors to the contrary, I've always believed that The King is dead as a doornail and buried at Memphis. I hate to say it, honey, but you married a fool.

Tailgater got a brake from me

Dear Dots: The other day this long-haired roustabout worker in a beat-up Plymouth was riding the tail of my Cadillac in traffic, so I slammed on the brakes and let him crash me as he'd got a ticket. All my friends say I was crazy. But I wanted to teach that kid a lesson and make him suffer financially while he's paying for repairs to my car. Who's right? Me or my friends? — Angry in Charlotte

Dear Angry: Don't be stupid. That could have been my red sexy convertible!

My stepsons stomp all over my heart

Dear Dottie: My heart is being crushed by my stepsons, ages 9 and 7. I love them very much, but they treat me like dirt. They wouldn't care how it I live or die even though I've raised them ever since their mother walked out on their daddy five long years ago.

This is killing me inside, Dear, and I don't know what to do. How can I make these boys treat me like a human being? I think it's the least I deserve. — Crying in the Bayou

Dear Crying: Does your dose of a boyfriend know what's going on? Won't he do anything about it? If not, get those boys to a minister, psychiatrist or grief counselor right away. It sounds as if they're punishing you because they're angry with their real mother — that child's a load of crap!

Dear Dottie, Box 10448, Des Moines, IA 50340

Have all answers your letters — and tell it like it is. Write to: Dear Dottie, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Ask the Countess

I'm dying to know what my hubby does for a living

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offers readers personal advice based on her horoscope. Write to Countess Sabak, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave. Lantana, Fla. 33462. Include your birth date. The Countess' advice is free. Do not send money.

Dear Countess: My husband and I have been married for five years, and our lives seem to be getting more miserable by the day. The main problem is his job. He won't tell me where he works or what his occupation is. And even though I know he makes good money, he won't give any to me — not even to help with the bills.

Every time I ask him about his job he blows up and knocks me around. He says it's none of my business where he works. But I think it is. Please help me, Countess. If I don't find out about his job soon I think I'll go insane. — Unsure in Worcester

Dear Unsure: Your husband is a hairdresser, but he won't tell you because he's afraid you'll think he's a wuss. He really does make a lot of money, but he's ashamed of his profession. Tell him you don't care what he does for a living, you just want to know. Then support that you and your husband sleep right away and talk about your future together.

Dear Hairdresser: You should help with family bills.

* * *

Dear Countess: I think my wife is cheating on me, and it's breaking my heart. She goes out about six nights a week, and when I ask her where she's been she says she was with girlfriends. But I know she's lying because I saw her driving a fancy new sports car the other day — it's certainly not ours — but she denies it. Please help me, Countess. Is my wife cheating? Is our entire happy marriage ruined? — Worried in Billings

Dear Worried: Your happy marriage is as strong as ever. Your wife is not cheating on you. I'm sorry to tell you that she's not buying you the truth. That sports car is nothing more than a cheap used thing and won't keep you very long at all. If you want good luck with your marriage, you'll stop worrying about the car and start worrying about your wife. Christmas Day you'll find out what she's been up to. I want you're a lucky man to have such a loving, devoted and all-around wonderful wife in your life.

* * *

Dear Countess: I'm in the seventh grade and a friend of mine is trying to tell me a magic potion that will bring me good luck and even help me find a girlfriend and make straight A's at school. He wants $50 for it, which is my whole allowance for two months. Should I buy it? Will it work? — Needs Magic in Colorado

Dear Needs: Your "friend" isn't telling you the truth. That magic potion is nothing more than a cheap used drug and won't bring you any luck at all. If you want good luck, study HARD starting on your first Christmas Day you'll find out what she's been up to. I want you're a lucky man to have such a loving, devoted and all-around wonderful wife in your life.

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Fisky in Portsmouth: Like Albert Einstein, you're a slow starter. I see you achieving great things in two fields — medicine and physics.

Sherbrook in New York: Your mother is wrong to hold you back. You have more than enough brains in your head. Go for it!

Anxious in Aberdeen: Depression is indeed a tragic affliction. I committed a friend of mine who specializes in such problems. The spell she cast has already taken care of your problem, as I'm sure you know.

Waiting to Date: 6, 13, 14, 20, 27.

Blind beggar sniffs out attacker

— and police give this human bloodhound a job!

A blind beggar was brutally beaten — and then sniffed out his attacker with his sharp sense of smell.

Thirty-year-old Manuel Sanchez was mugged on a street corner in Setúbal, Brazil, where he was begging for coins.

When the police arrived Sanchez gladly volunteered to assist in the search for his assailant. Sanchez smelled a sweaty, dirty shirt that he had torn from the thug's shirt and several miles when the blind man suddenly stopped and sniffed the air. He then approached a man who was sitting a store and identified him to police.

"This is the man," screamed Sanchez. "I can tell by the smell."

Malicious mugger Emilio Vargas was so astonished he immediately confessed.

"I just couldn't believe it," moaned the mugger. "I always pick on cripples and blind people. They're the easiest to rip off."

Police were so impressed that they gave Sanchez a job on the force.

"This guy is better than a bloodhound," said Detective Gaspar Silva. "He can follow a scent better than our police dogs. I bet he could even locate hidden drugs."

— JANET HAWTHORNE

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I was a hippo-hipped heavyweight

. . . now I'm a nifty knockout

BEFORE: Stuffing her face was a full-time job for Pauline Hemming.

By [illegible]

Porky Pauline Hemming waddled through life like an overstuffed walrus, so fat she could barely wriggle into her favorite booth at McDonald's — till she swore off Big Macs and bonbons and shed an incredible 140 pounds!

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Now Pauline's life as a [illegible] is nothing but a nightmarish memory.

"Back then, I was truly miserable," said the streamlined lady. "All I ever did was stuff my face."

But the heartbroken hippo is history now. Along with her sleek new physique, perky Pauline's about to acquire a [illegible] hubby.

"Dennis and I are heading for the Seychelles islands to get married," said the [illegible] office worker.

AFTER: [illegible], now Pauline, right, is a [illegible]

More people eat sharks than sharks eat people

Sharks in the North Atlantic may need protection from people who want to eat them.

The marauders of the deep have been overfished for a decade in the western part of the North Atlantic, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Shark meat has become a sought-after seafood and is sold routinely in most [illegible] restaurants and fancy fish markets.

— [illegible]

KILLER FRIDGE

Two people were killed and two injured when a refrigerator exploded at a fruit market on the Costa del Sol

Beauty queen sees red after car wreck & pulls gun, say cops

By JACK ALEXANDER

An angry beauty queen and another woman squared off after an auto accident, and when the smoke cleared both had been arrested by cops.

The newly crowned Miss West Virginia, Lisa Bittinger, was accused of pulling a gun on Tammy Boyce after their cars collided in Fairmont, W. Va.

Lisa, 19, claimed the other woman forced her 1989 Chevrolet Beretta off the road and into a utility pole.

"Miss Bittinger claimed Miss Boyce pushed her and Miss Boyce claimed Miss Bittinger waved a gun in her face," said Police Chief Sid DeVito. She was charged both of them.

Miss Boyce, 21, also was charged with destruction of property and reckless driving.

Damage to the Chevy Beretta, which was part of Miss West Virginia's beauty prize, was estimated at $4,000.

Miss Bittinger was crowned earlier this year for her remarks after the Miss America pageant, where she failed to make the top 10.

Lisa Bittinger was crowned second Miss West Virginia.

"If you look at the top 10, it's quite obvious," she said. "It was all black, one Korean, one Japanese ... was leaning toward [illegible] paired one kidney transplant and [illegible] Those also should be part of the top 10. It makes you wonder."

Men smoke less, but women just keep on puffin', says study

Men are smoking less than "in years past — but women are still puffing away."

A recent report from the U.S. Center for Disease Control compiled the results of nationwide interviews on smoking conducted during 1987, the most recent year for which data is available.

The results showed that 28.8 percent of American adults smoked cigarettes in 1987 — 31.2 percent of men and 26.5 percent of women.

"Over a 25-year period there has been a consistent decline in the level of cigarette use, but the decline among women has been much slower than among men," said Dr. Ron Davis, director of the U.S. Office on Smoking and Health.

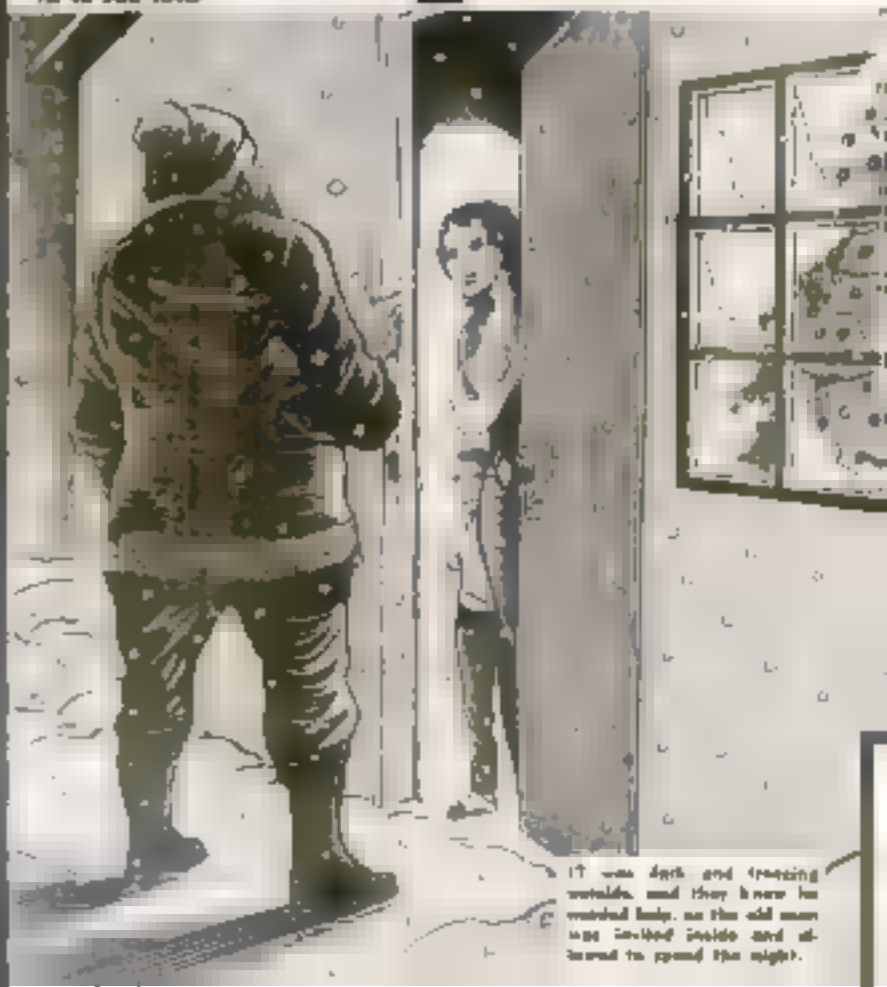
Beagle took on wrong mailman

Mailman Frank Lewis isn't going to be disciplined for beating a beagle to death, postal officials have decided — because he clobbered the critter in self-defense.

Lewis said authorities he was attacked by the beagle while he was working on his Greensboro, N.C., route. He said a stick to strike the dog, which died later. "I didn't see any other way around it," said the dock worker. John Spratt, who owns the mailman-dog-fight, "I think the man was

'Miracle on Kind poor

ACTOR Edmund Gwenn shown above appeared in the movie Miracle on 34th Street



It was dark and freezing outside, and they knew no mental help, so the old man was invited inside and allowed to spend the night.

34th Street comes to life!

stranger gives family $100G

. . . after they share their hearts & home with him on frigid night!

By IRWIN FISHER

This Christmas will be one to remember for a poor mountain family who shared what little they had with a twinkle-eyed stranger and were rewarded with a check for $100,000!

"The Lord sure does work in mysterious ways," said a policeman in the hills of North Carolina.

"It'd give anything to know who the old man is but nobody knows anything about him. He shows up around Christmas with his checkbook and makes poor people rich.

"He did it for another family back in 1985. And he just did it again." The beneficiaries of that year's Christmas miracle were a 43-year-old widow and her three children, ages 3, 4 and 9.

The cop who quizzed that the family's name and hometown remain anonymous said the drama began when the widow and kids took the kind old man into their home after his pickup truck broke down.

"They didn't know the guy from Adam but it was dark and freezing outside and they knew he needed help," said the officer.

From what I understand they offered him the eggs and bread they were going to have for dinner.

Then they gave him the only bed they had so he could get some sleep before he went back to his truck the next morning.

The widow and children said the old man was fat, had blue eyes and a big gray beard and were an old shy cop.

"They reckon he was 70, maybe 80 years old," said the cop. "But he was so spry and happy they said it was hard to tell." The family slept under a pile of quilts in front of the fireplace after the old man bedded down for the night, said the cop.

When they woke up the next morning he was gone. But they found a small white envelope marked "Merry Christmas — God bless" on the family's sofa bed.

"The check was in the envelope, and it was signed with a simple 'X,'" said the cop. The woman brought it to the bank here in town. At first the tellers thought it was a joke.

"But they checked with the New York bank it was drawn on and were told that 'Mr. X' wrote a lot of big checks and all of them were good.

"I don't mind telling you that there was a lot of laughing and crying in town that day," he continued. "Everybody was talking about it. The first thing the widow did was buy new leather shoes for all her kids."

A similar incident occurred in a nearby town in 1985 and the cop doesn't think it's a coincidence.

"It was the same guy. It had to be," he said. "How many people go around giving poor people six-figure checks for Christmas?"

Kissing bride may make you sick, say docs

No matter how gorgeous the bride-to-be, kissing her could make you sick. That dire warning comes from the renowned medical journal *The Lancet*, which says smooching the bride on the cheek exposes you to all sorts of germs picked up by her relatives while at the wedding.

Truck dumps 201,600 eggs!

It's not an egg-aggravation to say the little accident Marvin Stewart had with his 18-wheeler was a disaster.

The man was hauling a $15,000 load of eggs near Hamilton, Ala., when his truck hit a patch of ice and overturned, dumping 840 cases of eggs into the road.

In all, 201,600 eggs got scrambled on the asphalt. An ambitious wrapped the goo off the road and hauled it to the Lawrence County dump.

"They will be a bonanza for

Amputee grows new legs

Doctors were dumbfounded when they examined a double-amputee — and discovered he was sprouting a new set of perfectly formed legs.

"I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes," said astonished Dr. Erling Berg of Oslo, Norway. "People grow back fingernails — not legs.

"Some lower forms of life such as worms, lizards and starfish regenerate lost parts routinely, but for a human to do it is unheard of," said Dr. Berg.

Miracle baffles docs

Kari Andersen, a 53-year-old auto mechanic from Oslo, had both legs amputated above the knees a year ago after a traffic accident. Four months after the horrifying accident, Andersen's doctor noticed that small growths had appeared on the stumps.

"Within only a month these tiny growths had become miniature legs and feet," said Andersen's physician, Dr. Peter Amendt.

"Six months later, his legs had grown to a normal length. In fact, he's about two inches taller now."

Baffled docs believe an undentified protein trust may have caused his legs to grow. "The truly amazing thing is how quickly they grew," said Dr. Amendt.

The startling medical breakthrough was mentioned in a Norwegian medical journal.

Drs. Berg and Amendt have invited medical experts from Birmingham, Norway and Sweden to examine the limbs.

"If we all get together, perhaps we can figure out how it happened and thus help amputees the world over," said Dr. Berg.

"But I don't want to give anyone false hope. This is a one in a billion thing. We'll probably never know how it happened."

Andersen said he now feels better than he did when "I'm a middle-aged man with a teenager's legs."

— LARRY SOMS

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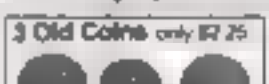

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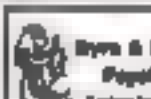

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Secretary answers phone with 'Merry Christmas' — & Scrooge boss fires her!

By DAMON RAY

A 24-year-old secretary was fired for answering a telephone "Merry Christmas!"

To make matters worse her Scrooge-like boss refused to give her severance pay and wished her a horrible holiday!

"This is going to be my worst Christmas ever," Chris Thomason told newsmen in Geneva, Switzerland.

"All I wanted to do was spread a little holiday cheer to our customers.

"But instead of a pat on the back I got canned! It's not fair! And I'm not going to take it lying down."

Mrs. Thomason hired a lawyer and says she will probably sue Frans Parker, owner of Parker's Jewelry in Geneva.

She says she was hired as a secretary on August 25 and had done her job well until Parker heard her answer a telephone "Merry Christmas" on December 12.

"He snatched the telephone out of my hand and ranted me like the devil," said Mrs. Thomason. "I was so stunned I couldn't think of anything to say.

"Mr. Parker ranted and raved and told me it wasn't going to be a Merry Christmas for anyone, especially not for me.

"He told me to gather my things and get out of the office.

"I was trembling and crying but this time I wasn't through with me yet. As I walked toward the door he told me to have a horrible Christmas. Then he said he never wanted to see me again."

Parker refused to discuss the incident with reporters. But several of his employees told the tale of a real-life Scrooge. They claim Parker has always hated Christmas and everything it stands for.

"Parker is outright mean and he doesn't want anyone to be happy," said one employee.

"If he could do away with Christmas I'm sure he would.

"I think all the smiling faces and goodwill get under his skin."

Mrs. Thomason's attorney, Jennie Graber, said her client was fired unjustly and could easily sue to get her job back.

"Saying 'Merry Christmas' is not a firing offense," Miss Graber said.

Bizarre reason why human beings smile

If you can wiggle your ears, it's an evolutionary throwback to a time when humans could "rock" them to hear better, and the smile evolved from the snarl and was used to discourage an attack by other creatures.

Those and other fascinating facts on humans are from a book by Mark McCutcheon entitled *The Complete Ear Nose and Other Astonishing Facts About Humans* (Turnbull, $8.95).

The following bizarre bits of trivia are also from the author's new book:

● The body constantly sheds dead skin cells and replaces them with new ones. By the time we are 70, we'll have shed 40 pounds of dead skin. Of the dust floating around in the average house 75 percent is made up of dead skin cells.

● Goosebumps are a reflexive reflex of the body's effort to erect the coat of fur our ancestors lost over 100,000 years ago to appear larger to enemies and also to ward off the cold.

● The brain stores information equivalent to 300 sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

● All humans are born with a space of fruit at their necks, thus creating a simple compass to aid direction finding in comparison with the Earth's magnetic field.

Avoid dog bites — HERE'S HOW:

You can reduce the risk of being bitten by a dog by following a few common-sense rules:

Don't show fear. It makes the dog think you're rubber white.

Don't turn your back and run away. The dog will chase you for the same reason it chases cars and bikes.

Never look a dog or any other threatening animal directly in the eye. The animal may think it is being physically challenged.

Yell at it to "Stop," "Sit" or "Heel" and stop your hands.

The child may be trained to obey such commands.

RED TEENS SEE ROSY FUTURE

Russian teenagers are much more optimistic about the future of the world than American teens, a shocking new study shows.

For example, more than 40 percent of U.S. teenagers believe there'll be a nuclear war in their lifetime, while more than half of Russia's teens think there will never be a nuclear war. Nearly three-fourths of Soviet teens surveyed think America and Russia can work out their differences — but only a quarter of America's teenagers think so.

The study, conducted by a team of American and Soviet scientists, was reported in *Psychology Today*.

A [redacted] made in [redacted] . . .

Beauty, 35, weds 96-year-old man!

By MARTHA ATKINS

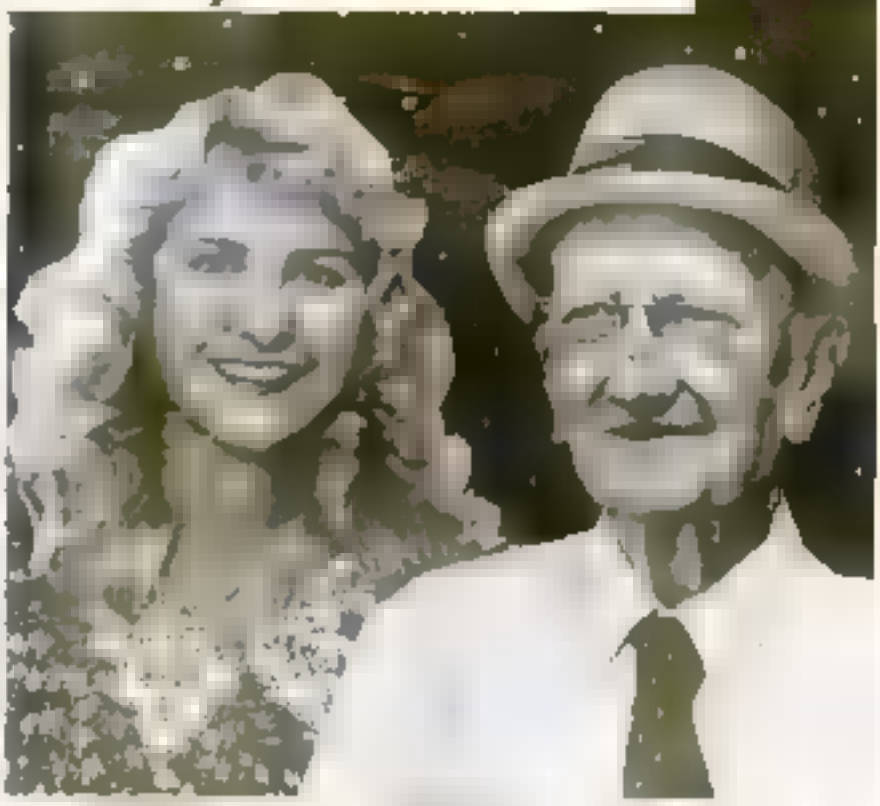
It's a match made in heaven, say Gene and Rhonda Hornet — even though he's 96 and she's 35!

The West Palm Beach, Fla., couple walked down the aisle in April 1988 and despite the 61-year age difference they're crazy about each other.

"I honor and respect him. I do not look for faults, and he does the same for me. A lot of young marriages don't have what Gene and I have," said Rhonda.

Gene met Rhonda at the nursing home where he'd moved [illegible] with wife Mattie Lou. Rhonda was the social services director there and she got to know Gene and his wife Mattie Lou.

After Mattie Lou passed away in 1987, Rhonda took Gene to lunch and [illegible] the beginnings of a romance that developed [illegible]



HAPPY newlyweds may [illegible] years apart, but they'll be together forever, say Gene and Rhonda Hornet. Both say they have lots in common, in spite of their age differences.

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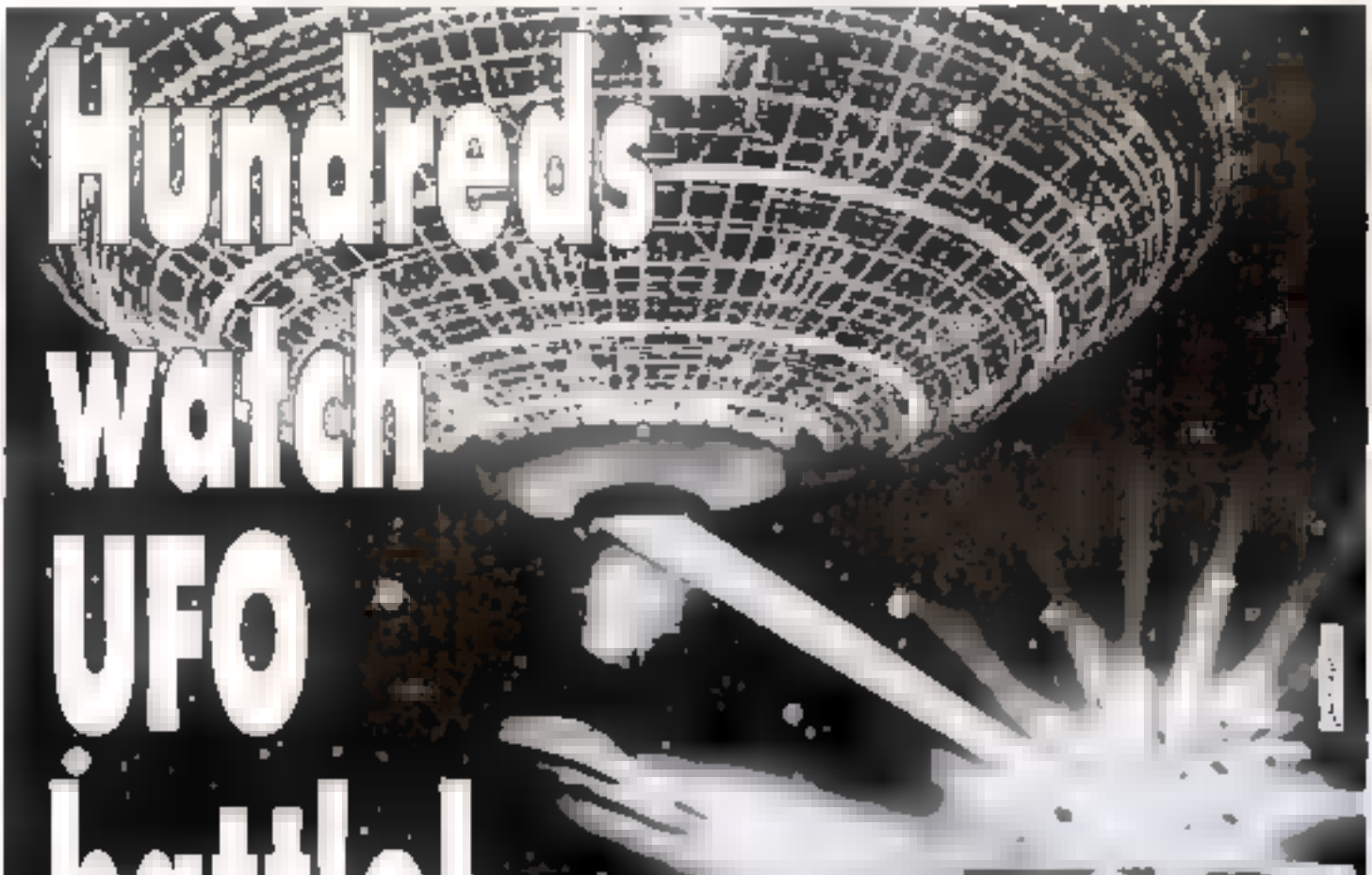

ATTACKING saucer is spotted in northwestern sky in photo at right by a Kenya spaceship enthusiast

Spectacular starship dogfight lasts 57 minutes, say stunned eyewitnesses

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UFO expert Bojon

By MARC JUBERT

Three alien starships engaged in a spectacular dogfight and disintegrated in midair in the first known battle between UFOs ever!

The stunning aerial assault was witnessed by more than two hundred African villagers who watched for nearly an hour as the eerie scene unfolded, lighting up the night sky over Kenya.

French aviation expert Louis Bojon arrived in Kenya with a team of researchers one day after the incident occurred.

"Many believe how there have been a UFO encounter that was so well documented," Bojon said yesterday.

"We also have confirmation from Cairo that the three craft appeared on military and civilian radar screens and vanished simultaneously." Bojon said the researchers have interviewed dozens of witnesses — including tribal chief Kamuju Kiwaya — and will remain in the field until all those who saw the dramatic battle have been contacted.

According to Bojon, villagers in the Rift Valley north of Mount Kenya noticed an unusual light in the sky at about 9:30 p.m.

Bojon said that a second light suddenly appeared beside the first and then both began to take shape as UFOs as they slowly descended toward Earth.

"By this time there were between 200 and 300 people standing from the ground," he said. "They described the approaching craft as round, brightly lit objects. As they got closer, it became apparent that one craft was larger than the others, and approached rapidly from the south."

According to eyewitness accounts, the larger UFO fired what appeared to be beams of light at the other two craft, destroying one.

"The remaining saucer circled around and retaliated fire with what we can only assume to be some type of laser weaponry from the descriptions that we have received," Bojon commented.

"At precisely 10:17 p.m. both craft disappeared in a tremendous flash of light."

Bojon said he does not believe the explanations offered by some scientists that what the villagers actually witnessed was a meteor shower.

"Evidence does not support that conclusion," he said.

"This was a skirmish in an interplanetary war that has been going on for centuries. Earth is being used as a battleground by alien races who are fighting for control of the universe."

Two golfers drop dead — at same hole!

A golfer keeled over on the 10th hole — and then the man who came to his rescue dropped dead, too!

Joe Hibbert, 51, slumped to the ground during a friendly match.

Fellow players tried to revive the third but both were pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital in Winchester, England.

The two died from heart attacks, too. Fellow players tried to revive the third but both were pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital in Winchester, England.

MR. PUNY-VERSE

These are the world's wimpiest wimps. They make Wayland weaklings look like superheroes. They run in terror from sandy. And one of them is about to be named Mr. Puny-Verse, the least macho man in the world. The men are finalists in the British Broadcasting Company's wacky bug-wimp search. BBC refused to give their full names to save them from embarrassment, already being taken only as Ken, Graham, Mark, David and Kevin.

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'They put my name on my husband's TOMBSTONE!'

Ailing widow Clara Carter was awarded $15,000 in a court action after her own name was mistakenly chiseled on her husband's tombstone, leaving her reeling in terror.

"I just went to pieces," recalled Mrs. Carter, 68. "They put the date of death right by my name. I'm not well and I always thought I'd go before him — it's been very upsetting and it's affected my health."

The Wirral, Iowa, woman who asked the Willenbeck Memorial Complex of Park Lawns to inscribe the date of her husband's death in January 1986. The couple had bought the stone a few years earlier and had their names and birth dates inscribed on it.

After she went to the cemetery and found that a death date had been chiseled by her own name, she says she called the managers and asked them to change the inscription. But months later, the people in Willenbeck still had not fixed the stone, she says.

"If they would have repaired it or even attempted to repair it, I wouldn't have sued," Mrs. Carter said. "But they never did hear about it.

"I had nightmares after I saw that death date by my name. I could see myself dead and my husband — who suffered from Alzheimer's disease — still alive.

"My doctor said I was suffering from stress. It still bothers me."

Mrs. Carter filed suit, and three days later the tombstone was repaired. But Willenbeck was too late in making good its mistake, an appeals court ruled. The court upheld a jury award of $15,000 to Mrs. Carter.

— LINDA SHELTON

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By Countess Sophia Sabak

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

New friends are helpful and encouraging. Your routine is suddenly a whole lot easier because of their efforts.

At work and the spirit of adventure grips you, and you have the urge to kick up your heels and do something exciting, daring or even risky.

But a word of caution — reckless and irresponsible behavior, no matter how innocently undertaken, could backfire.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

This week could prove very entertaining. It may even bring a breakup of a relationship.

There are indications that money troubles may come your way. A family conference about big expenditures could be the way to avoid such problems.

Keep in mind the saying, "This too, shall pass," because by week's end things will be looking up.

Your mate's pampering will soothe your frazzled nerves.

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Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	5, 14, 19, 26, 29, 41	Libra	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	8, 10, 20, 22, 42, 47
Taurus	Apr. 20 – May 20	2, 11, 16, 18, 23, 46	Scorpio	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	2, 13, 16, 21, 36, 44
Gemini	May 21 – June 20	10, 16, 24, 30, 34, 43	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	3, 10, 22, 32, 37, 42
Cancer	June 21 – July 22	7, 8, 25, 32, 37, 48	Capricorn	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	4, 12, 20, 26, 39, 44
Leo	July 23 – Aug. 22	5, 10, 12, 20, 23, 49	Aquarius	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	11, 18, 27, 30, 33, 48
Virgo	Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	3, 14, 20, 21, 27, 40	Pisces	Feb. 19 – Mar. 20	7, 14, 20, 21, 28, 42

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

A great week for socializing, however, a word of caution about overindulgence in food as well as the much drink.

The chance to get away from everyday surroundings and responsibility will come your way, and a few hours of complete relaxation will give your spirit a lift.

Old friends introduce you to someone who could play a significant role in your romantic future, while a small gift in the mail leads to a much larger surprise later on.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Be especially careful about obeying traffic regulations this week, especially during early evening hours when you may be tired and your defenses are down.

Romantic relationships are on shaky ground right now. Be on guard against others who offer false promises. Get by to investigate into through black and disbelief. Believe me, they do not have your best interests at heart.

An unexpected bonus helps your budget.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

An invitation from friends will put you into a new social outing, with the possibility of an introduction to a wonderful new romantic partner.

Wear a good lucky color just now. Red is definitely out!

This is not the time to spread every cent you have. Save a little, and you'll be glad you did.

Be cooperative on a friend's call for help this week, but be wary of giving advice. A good and cooperative listener is what's needed.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You begin your week expecting the worst, along with a grudging note or phone friend testing your patience and adding to your frustrations.

Hang in there, as Friday is "your day" when the tide turns. You can expect phone calls, letters and glowing conversations all leading up to a fabulous weekend!

Avoid overeating and drinking. Digestive disorders or allergic reactions are a possibility at this time. So enjoy your meals, just be a little more cautious than usual.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Watch the mail for good news and rewarding opportunities this week — especially from something with an out-of-town postmark.

You could start plans for a move, perhaps building or buying that dream home you've been looking for.

Unhappiness will erupt over a money matter concerning a child or some other close relative.

The problem can be resolved when a buddy brings news concerning financial gain, possibly through a lucrative job offer.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Be sure to check contract and correspondence rules carefully as signs predict some chances of being an innocent winner are greatly increased at this time.

The throng of celestial bodies in your house of romance indicates a blissful period for both marrieds and singles.

Weekend travel plans may have to be rescheduled when an elderly relative calls on you for help with a medical crisis. But don't worry. It won't be a serious illness.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Be conservative in money matters this week, or you'll need the extra cash for a rare investment opportunity.

This could be a period of romantic ups and downs for some.

Married may find that planning an extra-special evening out will clear tensions. Single partners could decide on a permanent arrangement, and engaged couples will have wedding bells this week.

Someone will try to sell you something that's worthless. Say no!

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You are in for a period of fair weather! You seem to have the golden touch right now, and nearly everything you touch is working out the way you want it to.

Midweek a minor disruptive influence may surface, but your optimistic attitude will send it packing.

With this go-get-'em attitude working for you, now is the time to make changes, propose innovative ideas both at work or at home and in your personal relationships.

Remember, success breeds success.

If your birthday is this week . . .

March 21 — Perseverance is the key word for the coming year. Poor health will strike a loved one and things will look grim. But the patient will pull through.

March 22 — A treacherous person will try to do you in by lying about you behind your back. Call the lawyer now! A face-to-face showdown will win the day for you.

March 23 — Prospects for luck in love couldn't be better. Your sports will be up and your partner will feel particularly romantic.

March 24 — Money will be short, but you won't be poor.

March 25 — Vacation is filled with fun and relaxation. Plan to enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The week finds you feeling restless. You will be easily bored and have difficulty following through with tasks.

Use your creativity to bring some excitement and vitality to your daily routine. Instead of moping about, and waiting for others to make you happy.

Mail news could arrive in the mail, containing a rumor which could harm and close to you.

You would be well advised to keep this juicy bit of gossip to yourself.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

This week you have a brilliant idea which could influence them around you greatly.

You take someone you love on a spending spree, throwing caution to the wind and spending their hard-won dollars.

Later you could find yourself apologizing for harsh words you've spoken in anger. But all ends well and no one holds a grudge, because they realize you were right. The week ends on a happy note, with all those you love in a good mood.

Sneaky elephant ambushes hunter — and kills him!

By IRWIN FISHER

Safari hunter Alan Lowe was gored to death by an angry elephant that sneaked up and attacked him from behind!

The death of the 58-year-old man stunned wildlife officials around the world and the people who knew him. They said Lowe was a wily hunter who killed dozens of big cats, elephants, rhinos and gorillas in a distinguished career.

They're still trying to figure out how such a massive beast as a bull elephant could have crept up and murdered him from behind.

"Elephants aren't known for their cleverness but this one definitely gored Lowe in the back," wildlife officer Tom Trower told newsmen in Harare, Zimbabwe.

"From the looks of things the hunter never had a chance. The elephant drove a tusk through his spine and stamped him to the dust."

ALAN LOWE

Nobody knows exactly what happened after Lowe split off from a hunting party to search for big game alone.

He reportedly agreed to meet his companions back at their camp just before dusk. But he never returned.

His horribly mutilated body was found by wildlife officials a few hours after he was reported missing.

In addition to goring him through the spine, the elephant reportedly stamped on Lowe, flattening his left leg, head and chest.

"Big game hunters should know better than to head out into the bush alone," said Officer Trower.

Ronald Schiltz, a good friend of the dead man, added:

"Alan Lowe killed a lot of wild animals in his day. I never expected him to die like this."

THE African elephant is a huge creature. Males like this one can reach a height of 13 feet at the shoulder and weigh 7½ tons. Big game hunters contemptibly give them extremely a lot of respect. Evidently Alan Lowe let his guard down for a moment — and paid with his life.

Pork is building the world's scariest ride

A California theme park is building the most terrifying ride on earth. The $5 million Viper roller coaster:

- Turns riders upside down seven times in episode up to 70 feet high.
- Has an initial drop of 100 feet.
- Takes riders through a boomerang curve and double loop.
- Has a final twisting loop 40 feet high and 800 feet long that turns riders upside down twice.

"We still to have the most frightening ride on earth — something that takes people to the edge," said Joseph Achilles, president of Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park near Los Angeles.

TV's no book take

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"Thanks to you, I'm now a big success like you!"

Orlando, Fl. — Six years ago I took up a shopping MANIA and I can safely say average persons and show them exactly how to do it," declares Lawrence Tabak.

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Already the people who were responding, for example, one person in St. Augustine wrote that they had made $8,500 in just 6 weeks! It says!

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"The new program was proven," he says, "and you are advised already what working Mercedes, Rolls or Cadillac. You simply give friends with your new Wealth home. And people see you driving like a champion."

"You can really be the kind of person that you always wanted to be."

And what's more," he adds, "to make an extra $30,000 in one way, requires little effort."

"Look, there's no magic wand, and part — you're with it does take time and work. But it's worth it. In fact," he adds, "I only want people who are willing to put forth some effort to use it."

Now, you may not make as much as Tabak, but if you are a real "Go-Getter," you will make even more. And above all, the nice part is that you win the respect of your friends and family.

Tabak has offered to send further details to readers who want to learn his new wealth system. Simply send your name and address to:

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Gals, put your [illegible] guy to the test

Do men really do their share of the housework?

American men say they do all kinds of housework but their wives say that's a bunch of bunk.

USA Today conducted a survey and found that husbands consistently claim to do more work around the house than women are willing to give them credit for.

"Even when the guy thinks he's doing his share, he isn't," said Don Aslett, who takes note to task in his exciting book, *Who Says It's a Woman's Job to Clean?* (Writer's Digest Books, $9.95).

"Most men don't realize how much work is involved in housework," he added.

Aslett developed the quiz at right to help men and their wives find out what's really doing the work around the house.

Take it to find out where you and your man stand.

INSTRUCTIONS

MEN: Answer each of the questions below. Add up your score and compare it with the score your partner gives you.

WOMEN: Answer how you think your partner rates on each of the following questions. Total the score you give him and compare it with the score he gave himself.

POINT SYSTEM: 5-Always, 4-Usually, 3-Sometimes, 2-Rarely, 1-Never

	Him	Yourself (Her)
1. I put my own stuff away		
2. I dust		
3. I vacuum		
4. I sweep or mop the floors		
5. I make my own bed		
6. I change the sheets		
7. I hang up my wet towel after I shower		
8. I clean the bathroom		
9. I don't sit after my last-suppressed snacks		
10. I cook meals		
11. I pay the bills		
12. I do the dishes and put them away		
13. I do the laundry		
14. I hang up my clothes if they're still clean enough to wear		
15. I clean out my pockets and turn my socks and clothes right side out before I put them in the hamper		
16. I trim my shrubs		
17. I take out the garbage (without being asked)		
18. I fix/mend broken things around the house		
19. I run my own errands		
20. I wash my own cuffcoats		
TOTAL (Give yourself 2 extra points if you were completely honest!)		

Men: Score yourself on this quiz . . . then it's the ladies' turn

IF YOU SCORED . . .

0-10 You should be ashamed of yourself — or living with your mother — or both!

10-24 Underachiever! At least there is hope for you. A little bit of work and you could earn the coveted title of Average!

25-39 Nothing to brag about but you're better than those inconsiderate non-sharers!

40-49 You're a credit to your gender! Go and help the poor guy next door get on the right track.

50-100 Aren't you wondering who took your brain out and replaced it with a sponge?

Go back and check all the answers you hedged and adjust your score accordingly!

GRANNY ATTACKS ROBBER — WITH A HATCHET

When a robber hopped on the head with a metal chair and a lamp, an angry granny grabbed a hatchet and beat him unconscious.

The suspect, Terry Westbrook, was in critical condition at a Miami, Fla., hospital with a fractured skull.

"She picked the wrong woman. The only thing I hate is that I didn't kill her," said Elizabeth Kuhn, 71. "I should have had my gun, but I couldn't get to it."

Miss Westbrook was charged with armed robbery and aggravated assault.

Diet Pills Sweeping U.S.

Doctors Invent 'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight

U.S. Gov't. Approves Patent Claims for New Diet Pill

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special) —An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" you easily lose one pound a day reduction by simply taking these special and proven new pills.

The U.S. government has just approved the doctors' claims for a child-safe pill that actually "does" what never been anything like their astounding pill process before." It is a totally new major scientific breakthrough and is revolutionizing the weight loss industry.

You Can "Eat Normally"

Best of all, "you can continue to eat your favorite foods and you don't have to change your normal eating habits. You can even have the most delicious calories from the very first day, until you achieve the ideal weight you desire without starving."

Pushes Fat Out of Body

The new pill is appropriately called the "fat-magnet" pill because it seeks and eliminates fat particles, much acting like a tiny magnet "attracting" and trapping many times its size in undigested fat particles. Then all the trapped fat and calories are naturally "flushed" right out of your body, because they cannot be absorbed.

Within 3 days you should notice a change in the color of your stool, caused by the fat particles being eliminated.

"Automatically" Loses Fat

According to one of the inventors, Dr. William Stell, heart specialist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA medical school, "the new fat-trapping process is a 'lazy way' to lose weight because the pills alone "automatically" reduce calories by eliminating dietary fat. It is NOT a salt and not a drug."

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Meet . . . THUGS BUNNY

. . . the world's MEANEST rabbit!

By ARNOLD SIMMS

Thugs Bunny is the world's meanest rabbit. The oversized hare is as big as a pit bull — and bites anyone who gets in his way!

"That thing is a monster, bigger than most dogs, and he'll attack anyone or anything he sees — even pit bulls," said Lt. Louis Guy of the police department of Avignon, France.

Pit bulls turn tail at first sight of him!

"He's armed to the teeth, sees well, and is considered to be very dangerous. This isn't a joke.

"Until we capture him we're asking parents to keep their little ones inside.

"Our officers have orders to shoot on sight."

The gigantic bunny was born and raised as a rabbit farm near Avignon and reportedly ate the rabbits at its parents.

In spite of his cannibalism and vicious nature he hasn't paid any penalties — at least until now, say police.

"The rowdy rabbit escaped from the farm around the first of November and nobody has been safe since," said Lt. Guy.

"He knocked a young girl off a swing on a playground, breaking her arm.

"He also attacked three other children and a construction worker. They all required medical attention for scratches and bites on their legs and hands.

"The press gave him the name 'Thugs Bunny' and it certainly does fit.

"He went up and down one little girl's leg like a chain saw during one recent attack."

Animal control officers have set traps for the rabbit in Avignon and have asked Avignon farmers to call police if they see the creature anywhere, night or day, and not to try tackling it themselves.

Jean Gerard, the rabbit's owner, refuses to comment on the situation.

But animal behavior expert Michel Clement says the rabbit "must have been terribly spoiled as some time in his past to have such a consuming hatred of humans.

"It is most unusual for rabbits to behave in this fashion," said Clement.

"Something terrible must have happened to him to cause this."

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Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Boozed-up brewery worker drowns in huge tub of beer!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Roly-poly Ron Fincham celebrated 25 years working in a brewery by diving naked into a giant vat of stale beer — and drowned!

Boozed up Ron, 60, had returned to the brewery for a late-night romp in the vats after making the rounds of bars in Romford, England, with his buddies.

"When a guy who weighs a hefty 300 pounds decides to do something, there's very little anyone can do to stop him," said one of Ron's pals.

Two of Ron's bosses and fellow workers had join him after work to celebrate his 25 years on the job.

"They all had a good bit to drink and it seems Mr. Fincham went back to the brewery," said a cop, who investigated the tragic drowning.

"We tried to get big Ron to have one more pitcher of ale, but he said he wanted to go back to the brewery for a swim," said close friend Alan Beecher.

"None of us took him seriously because he was always kidding."

But the burly beer worker apparently staggered up to the big six-foot-deep vat of unsold ale, stripped naked and went for a dip.

His wife reported Ron missing the next morning. Workers found his clothes beside the 35,000-pint vat of ale that had been returned from pubs.

Police ordered the tank drained so they could get to Ron's body, which was lying on the bottom.

But they couldn't budge him.

Eventually, eight firemen using heavy lifting equipment brought the big guy out.

"Ron liked to joke around and we'll miss that around here," said Beecher.

"He was a huge man but gentle as a lamb."

Cat's up!

Langley Beach — It's a flying kitty! Proud Pennington's cat Rosie makes a spectacular jump as he tries to catch a ball his owner has just tossed into the air. The two pals were enjoying an unseasonably warm afternoon in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Mystery stayed unsolved for 29 years

FBI nabs suspect in 1960 murder!

FBI agents burst in on Robert Lee Mitchell as he was taking a bath and arrested him for a murder that happened an astounding 29 years ago!

Mitchell's relatives had told police years earlier that he had died, but two Dallas, Texas cops didn't believe it.

"His Social Security number was still active and no one had claimed his death benefits," said Dallas Sheriff's Det. Tom Reilly.

Reilly and his partner, Det. Jim Bailey, had been checking into old unsolved cases when they came across an arrest warrant for Mitchell.

Billie Marie Phillips was shot and killed in 1960. Mitchell, her boyfriend, skipped town about the same time and was never heard from again, said Det. Reilly.

Recently, the detectives requested that the FBI print them an information file on Mitchell. The FBI categorizes every person arrested by fingerprints, not by name.

When they got the FBI file on Mitchell, it included a 1960 Jackson co on assault charges in Chicago.

The fingerprint file at the FBI revealed Mitchell and Jackson were one and the same.

Chicago police furnished the detectives a home address and phone number for Jackson.

FBI agents surprised Jackson in his bathtub the next day. "He didn't deny that he was Mitchell," said Det. Reilly.

Mitchell was arrested and is awaiting extradition back to Dallas.

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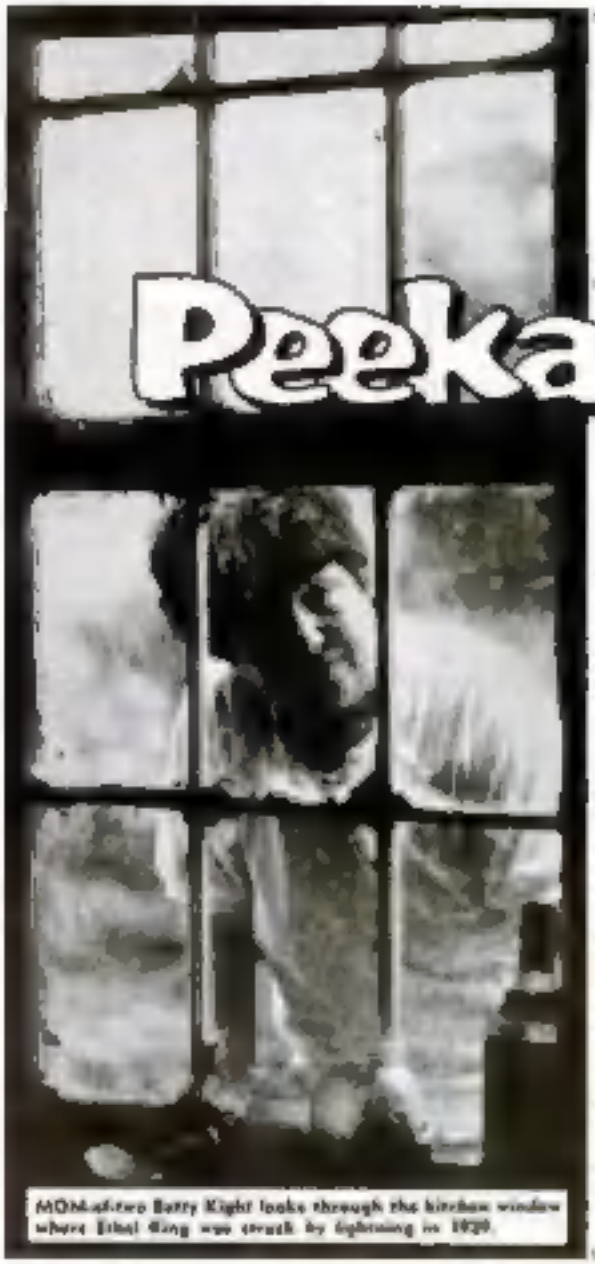

MOMstruck Betty Kight looks through the kitchen window where Ethel King was struck by lightning in 1929.

Gentle spirit has lived with family since 1962

Peekaboo ghost

By SUSAN JAMISON

When Betty Kight is home alone she's never by herself — because the gentle ghost of a long-dead woman is always by her side.

The Eastman, Ga., housewife has been haunted for 27 years by the spirit of Ethel King, a tiny old lady who died in 1929. Mrs. King was struck by lightning while sitting at her kitchen window, and friends think she wasn't ready to go yet.

"She's been living with us for more than a quarter century now," said Mrs. Kight, a mother of two grown children.

"I believe she feels she didn't finish her manners on earth.

"It's as if my grandmother has come to live with us. She doesn't bother us, but every now and then she gets upset and starts rummaging around making noise and moving things."

Mrs. Kight spotted the ghost for the first time in 1962.

She, her husband Robert and her son and daughter moved into an old house near Eastman where Mrs. King had lived and died years before. Not long afterward, Mrs. Kight saw the ghost.

'She steals my hats, opens and closes our doors and runs up and down the halls,' says housewife

She was standing in the garden outside the kitchen window, Mrs. Kight recalled.

"I went outside and she was gone, but when I came back in and looked out the window, there she was again," she said. "It happened four or five times as if she were playing peekaboo with me, until I realized she wasn't real.

"She's a little old lady dressed in a long brown dress. Her face is covered with a bonnet or a shawl — I've never seen her face.

"There's something like smoke around her."

Since that time, Mrs. Kight says her family and many of her friends have seen the ghost. After 10 years of living with it, the family built a new house on the same property and moved. But two weeks later, the ghost moved too.

"She steals my hats, opens and closes our doors and runs up and down the halls," Mrs. Kight says. "Our little dog goes into the kitchen sometimes and starts barking, acts as if something evil then is pulled across the floor by an invisible force. It's weird.

"But after all this time it really doesn't bother us anymore. We've used to it. In fact, if we ever had to move again and she didn't come with us, we'd miss her."

Hard-shelled collector had 27,000 rare birds' eggs!

By MARTHA ATKINS

A man with a bizarre obsession for rare birds' eggs was nabbed by cops — who found an astounding 27,000 of them stashed in his attic!

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds teamed up with police to raid John Hemmings' home in Wilmington, England, after getting an anonymous tip.

Officials found the eggs lovingly cataloged in 13 cabinets hidden in Hemmings' attic. They also found a device that blows out the insides of the eggs and leaves just the shell, 300 maps and seven books pinpointing the nests of rare birds.

Hemmings' collection included eggs of rare golden eagles, hummerds, little grebes, mute swans, merlins, nightingales, hen harriers and others, said Prosecutor Stephen Miller.

Some of the eggs were from the far corners of the globe, but Hemmings had the possession of things capable of being used for egg collecting is against the law," said Miller. "This case is a serious menace to wildlife."

Hemmings, 38, denies raiding birds' nests for the eggs. He claims he bought or inherited his entire collection.

Miller says that accounted for only half the collection and that Hemmings collected the rest.

Wheelchair man run over — again!

A man confined to a wheelchair after being struck by a car six years ago was crossing a busy highway — and was hit again!

Joseph E. Crank, 35, was in critical condition in a Tampa, Fla., hospital

Eleven-member team started out two days after JFK's

EXPLORERS

THE first thing the explorers wanted to know was how the death of President John F. Kennedy had affected the balance of power in the world.

By JEWEL FISHER

Explorers who got lost in a cave two days after John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 have been found alive — 26 years later.

The Danish team of 11 men and women survived by eating mushrooms, moss, fungus, fish and salamanders from underground streams and the occasional rat, rabbit or squirrel that wandered into the cave.

They lived on mushrooms, moss and lizards

When they were found by French adventurers on December 4 they literally went into shock. The first things they wanted to know were how the death of JFK had affected the balance of power in the world and if their friends and families were still alive.

"It's a miracle that these people lived through their ordeal and a miracle that we found them," said Jacques Hellian, one of two French spelunkers who found the explorers 1,600 feet inside a mountain near Megeve in the French Alps.

"I can't begin to calculate the chances against us stumbling on them like we did," continued Hellian. "It was like finding buried treasure. I still have trouble believing it."

The Danish explorers — Tom Nielsen, Erik Gade, Martin Funa Heinz Andersen, Christian Gamm, Rhonda Dall, Alan Flemming, Anna Buch, Einar Lindhart, Maria Sulley and Karen Stampe — are currently undergoing psychiatric and medical treatment at a Paris clinic.

Their doctors say they are in reasonable good health but find it difficult to cope with the way the world has changed since they got lost in 1963.

"It's as if they went to sleep 26 years ago and just woke up," Dr. Alan Bleiner told reporters. "They knew nothing about the war in Viet Nam, America's 1969 moon shot or the rise of Japan as a world power.

"The Berlin Wall came down a few weeks ago. But when these people got lost it had just gone up."

According to Dr. Bleiner, the Danes traveled to France from their homes in Copenhagen two days after JFK was assassinated on November 22, 1963.

Led by geologist Einar Lindhart, the explorers entered the cave to study bats and search for exotic animals but got lost a few hours later after wading across a subterranean lake into a labyrinth of unexplored tunnels.

"No one else knew they were going into the cave so there wasn't a search party," said Dr. Bleiner. "They said they tried and tried to find a way out but ran into nothing but dead ends.

"Their food and batteries gave out after the first day. They lived in utter darkness for the next 26 years, getting around by feel."

Lindhart and his team had knives and fishing line which enabled them to catch fish from underground streams and kill the small animals that wandered into the cave.

They also ate a variety of mushrooms and fungi that they pinched from cracks or scraped from the caves' clammy limestone walls.

"The temperature in the cave was only 52 degrees but they were outfitted in warm clothes and their bodies slowly adapted," said Dr. Bleiner. "It seems odd but the passage of time really meant very little to them. You

Dad digs up son's casket & carries it around with him!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A heartbroken dad dug up his baby son's corpse and lugged it around town for about an hour — because he couldn't bear to part with him.

When cops in Selma, Ala., finally caught up with grief-stricken Gregory Dukes, 24, they had to "pry the casket from his hands."

The heartbroken father was away job hunting in South Carolina when his 3-month-old son, Jeffery, suddenly became sick and died within 36 hours. Another son died a year ago — just two weeks after he was born.

"The family couldn't reach Mr. Dukes in South Carolina, so his wife and other relatives went ahead with the funeral and buried the baby," said Police Chief Melvin Sommerville.

"Mr. Dukes didn't know the child was dead and buried until he returned home two days after the funeral."

Relatives said Dukes went to the cemetery to visit his son's grave. "They didn't know he planned to dig him up."

Residents in an east Selma neighborhood saw the teary-eyed dad carrying the tiny casket and called police.

"By the time we caught up with him, he had put the coffin in the backseat of his car and was driving real slow," said Chief Sommerville.

"We had to pry the casket loose from his grasp."

Dukes, who is separated from his wife, was taken to a hospital for examination. He was charged with abuse of a corpse.

"It's very unlikely he will be tried on that charge," Chief Sommerville told The NEWS. "He lost two baby sons within a year. That's tough on anybody." The baby was returned but the coroner still doesn't know the cause of death. "We know he died of natural causes and that's about it," said Chief Sommerville.

Man invents disposable car

A British company has designed the world's first disposable car — it crumbles to dust when it's no longer useful!

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The biodegradable car is the brainchild of Geoff Matthews, head of Styling International, a subsidiary of the Rawtal Whiting car design group based in Essex, England. Matthews thinks the cars will last at least 10

assassination

LOST IN CAVE SINCE 1963 FOUND ALIVE!

FRENCH speleologists found the lost explorers deep inside a mountain cave near Megève

their mid to late 20s when they went into the cave. Now they are in their 50s.

"They had no contact with the outside world and lost all touch with reality as most of us know it. But intellectually they are in remarkably good shape.

"They passed the time in their underground prison discussing politics, literature, science and mathematics. Their only other concerns were food and water and they seemed to have plenty of that."

The explorers hope to return to Denmark in time to celebrate Christmas with the members of their families that are still alive. In a statement released through Dr. Steiner, the explorers said simply: "We are thankful to be free after all these years."

EXPLORER Martin Fuss is in remarkably good shape after

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